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WINDMILLS, long a symbol of the west, might even to have to have a permit under proposed County agricultural zoning changes. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Hearing Feb. 27

Zoning Restrictions Opposed by Farmers, Ranchers, Wineries

By Isabelle Hall

The Central Coast Agricultural Task Force is marshaling its forces against new burdens on farmers, ranchers and wineries in the Monterey County Zoning Ordinance approved last June by the Planning Commission and now before the Board of Supervisors.

Among the proposed regulations opposed by the group are: restrictions on landowners' hunting and/or fishing rights on their own private property; definitions of open space and scenic highway corridors that could hinder "prudent and commonly accepted farming practices;" restrictions on dogs and cats allowed a household without a permit; restriction to one horse, mule, cow or steer per 20,000 square feet to a maximum of three such animals on land under one ownership on 10 acres; and restrictions on retail sales outlets by wineries.

The ordinance applies only to the unincorporated areas of the County outside of the Coastal Zone.

Agricultural revenues account for some $1.3 billion a year in Monterey County and are one of four prime sources of income which include tourism, $1 billion, the military, $439 million and light industry.

Betty Wilson, chair of the County Cattlemens' Association Agricultural Task Force, told the Cachagua Area Property Owners recent meeting the county was "caught short" by the opposition and has scheduled a second public hearing Feb. 27 before the Board of Supervisors. A public meeting also is scheduled Feb. 22 on the ordinance at the Salinas Community Center, sponsored by the Farm Bureau.

The Planning Department only had eight copies of the proposed ordinance, Mrs. Wilson said, and none were made available in the libraries until the Farm Bureau alerted members to the ordinance. Since then Planning Director Robert Slimmon has had additional copies printed.

You don't need a permit for a residential care home for up to six senior citizens under the ordinance, Mrs. Wilson said. "However, you need one for a caretaker or farm employee house or a non-commercial kennel for 5 to 8 dogs and cats, and, if you have over a combined total of 8 dogs, cats or other pets, you must have a commercial kennel permit."

"Use permits are discretionary," she warned the property owners, "They (the County) can say no."

"You must have a permit for any hunting or fishing facility which, by definition, means any building or 'land' used for hunting clubs," she said, explaining that in the past ranchers never thought the term, "facility," meant their own land.

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Steelhead Survival Undermined

"This damn near kills our total effort," said Vern Sciocchetti, slowly shaking his head.

He had just described how poachers had decimated the 4-year-old fish that the Carmel River Steelhead Association had raised in two ponds upstream of Rosie's Bridge in the Village to be the basis of a breeding program to help the species survive the drought.

Of about 300 fish in the two ponds, all but about 30 have been caught, killed and eaten by the poachers who have been fishing illegally in the river since November, Sciocchetti said.

"We know who they are," he said, "but we don't have enough evidence to make a court case against them."

The extent of the poaching came to light after one of Sciocchetti's neighbors found fish heads and entrails in his mail box after he warned three men against illegal fishing on a recent weekend. Some of the members then dived into the pools where the fish were and counted the ones that were left.

The fish that were poached were about 30 inches long and weighed 7-10 pounds. Association members had planned to take them to the state's Covelo Hatchery in Mendicino County where they would spawn and produce about 30,000 fry. The fry ultimately would be released into the sea.

But with only about 30 mature fish left, Sciocchetti said state Fish & Game officials were not willing to conduct a breeding program for the association.

Despite the loss of the breeding program this year, Sciocchetti said members were hopeful that the steelhead still would be able to survive the drought and the poachers.

"We released more than 15,000 smolt in the last three years" from earlier breeding programs, he said. "Hopefully, they'll come back" to the Carmel River. In addition, he said some of the fish in the two ponds had become mature enough to spawn, "so there are some young from this group of adults."

Dr. Roy Thomas, another member of the association, explained that man's intervention is necessary during drought to help preserve the fishes' genetic memory that causes them to return to the Carmel River from the ocean to spawn.

"If you have a three-year period where the fish cannot get from the river to the sea, you lose most of the fish and the gene-pool is seriously depleted," Thomas said. He added that once the steelhead's reproductive cycle was broken, it would be very difficult to reintroduce them to the Carmel River.

With about 70 members, the Carmel River Steelhead Association has worked to

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Heuer Says Deeper Rationing Avoided Due to Powerful Storm

The most powerful storm of the season accelerated the recharge of the Carmel Valley aquifer, prompting Water Board Chairman Dick Heuer to declare that the prospect of even deeper rationing next summer is over.

Heuer spoke out after a three-day storm pounded the area Feb. 16-18 with high winds, record cold temperatures and more than an inch of rain.

The storm arrived even as Dr. Robert Renard of the Navy Postgraduate School meteorology department was reporting that the National Weather Service 30-day outlook for mid-February to mid-March called for above normal rainfall and below normal temperatures.

Normal rainfall in Monterey for that period is 2.8 inches, Renard said.

"Weather patterns appear to be shifting," Renard said. The Central Coast is now into its fourth year of drought which prompted the imposition of 20 percent rationing starting Jan.1, 1989.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management Board had been considering whether conditions would require as much as 40 percent rationing this summer. But Heuer said he believed that would not be necessary now. He added that whether the 20 percent rationing program can be eased depends on how much more rain falls on the region before the dry summer months set in.

Measuring 1.46 inches in the Village, the rain caused the Carmel River to flow as far west as Via Millorca for a brief period. That is about about a mile farther west than it flowed in 1989 and two miles farther than in 1988.

Graham Matthews, river hydrologist with the water management district, said that with Los Padres and San Clemente dams full, water flowing down the river was recharging the Carmel Valley aquifer at the rate of about 30-acre-feet a day before the storm. After the storm, water

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LETTERS

Barking Dogs Irksome

In response to Martha Aldrich's letter in The Sun Feb. 7:

No—Mrs. Aldrich you are not the only resident sick and tired (from being awakened at dawn) of barking dogs. We do not live in the Lower Circle area but closer to Robles del Rio Lodge.

Almost every morning we can count on being waked by dogs barking. Our infant daughter is not a particularly light sleeper but is obviously unable to sleep through the barrage of barking. We have two dogs near us who are the prime offenders. We have spoken to both owners/neighbors about the barking and gotten two very diverse responses.

Jasmine's owners just about bent over backwards to try and remedy the situation and maintain friendly relations. They are now keeping their dog on their own property more often, where he seems less volatile. Granted, there are occasional lapses, but at least the effort was made and seems, thankfully, to be an ongoing one.

Lucky's owner, on the other hand, as good as told us, "Too bad—you live in a 'rural' area so live with it." He was unwilling to do anything to contain his dog or the dog's disruptive behavior. He said he asked his other neighbors and they had no complaints. That is not the point. WE do have a complaint and rural does not mean rude.

How about a little neighborly consideration?

Dee Cantlon
Carmel Valley

Doggy Offenders

In response to the letter of 2/7 regarding the problem of barking dogs in the Robles area...believe me, you *aren't* the only one who is annoyed by the nighttime serenade.

What amazes me is that the owners of *the dogs aren't concerned enough to pop their head out the door and make the* attempt to quiet their animals.

Our problem is that it's difficult to pinpoint these doggy offenders. (It's a real pain to get out of bed at night and drive around looking for these 'night owls').

It just isn't right to call out the sheriff for minor nuisances of this sort. They've got enough to deal with already. So dog owners...please show a little courtesy for the rest of the neighborhood!

Kate and Pat McAnaney
Robles del Rio, C.V.

Tularcitos Defender

Denying a child socialization with peers, seclusion from reality and force feeding them knowledge is nothing less than another form of child abuse.

Children were given minds so that they could choose to use them, not so that their minds could be used.

Reality is perhaps the strongest educational value we can impress upon children. Vulgarity and physical bullying are realities not merely found in elementary school. Choosing to hide from these traits induces fear, which is not a valuable asset to deal with these behaviors or any confrontations that may arise in life.

Condemning all students at Tularcitos school based on isolated incidences is a blanket judgment. This judgment expresses prejudice, narrow-mindedness and ignorance. These are not attributes of a good teacher.

Frankly, I think it's thrilling that our young children are challenging the system, frustrating teachers, and letting their parents recognize they are not simply Jello to be molded. Their outcries are simply denouncing that old tired methods are absurd and ineffective. This certainly is a blatant sign of intelligence.

Children need to run life through their own filters, not the clogged, dirty filter of their parent's.

Anita D. Smythe
Carmel

Fascination Then Outrage

I read with fascination—once I overcame the sense of outrage—and curiosity the letter from Fran Libby in the Sun's most recent edition.

Libby's intent was clearly to blast the credibility of Tularcitos School, its curriculum, teachers and administration. Her letter, however, cited repeated criticism of the parents of children attending Tularcitos, their income levels (with the indication that some where perhaps higher than hers), and the clothing and possessions of the students themselves. I find this an interesting assessment tool for evaluating the quality of a school. Her letter seemed to state that she had taken these criteria so *seriously, and found them to be so inappropriate that she had removed her child* from the entire public school system and was recommending we all do the same.

I have had the following experience with Carmel Unified School District: my 19-year-old daughter, now attending college in Santa Barbara, attended Tularcitos, Carmel Middle School and graduated from Carmel High School; my 10-year-old son currently attends Tularcitos, where he began elementary school at age five. Both of my children have had high quality educations through CUSD. More importantly, both of my children have consistently had teachers willing to extend the extra energy to meet each child's special needs, both of my children have consistently had teachers available to me, as a parent, for discussion, disagreement, exploration of ideas. I have felt repeatedly blessed to live in an area where public education provides not only knowledge but addresses issues such as self-esteem and respect for others.

The flip side of my experience with CUSD is that my children were raised, for the most part, by a single mother. My income was quite low and my children were not wearing the latest, most expensive fashions or playing with the latest, most expensive toys. And, yes, they did experience many friends with more material possessions, nicer houses, ski trips and it was sometimes a painful side of their life. This is an affluent area; I never expected that most students attending the schools would be anything but children from "upwardly mobile" families.

I also never considered making these differences in life style a reason for condemnation of a school system that had been excellent. Further, my children did not experience rejection from other children based on my annual income or what they were wearing.

I continue to be grateful to CUSD and Tularcitos School in particular. It is reassuring to me that my children have had positive, happy years in elementary school, that neither one of them has a had a teacher they didn't really like, and that I have felt a true spirit of cooperation with the school throughout the years of my involvement. I find it regrettable that Ms. Libby seems to need to separate her son from his peers—a phenomenon some term "social abuse"—out of her material prejudice and lack of tolerance for the inevitable socialization of children (a process that seems always to include learning a few bad words and trying out some behaviors that aren't appropriate). It feels important to me to defend Tularcitos, after all my family has received from the school and its teacher.

Candace Snow
Carmel Valley

5th Grader Likes School

I have been going to Tularcitos school ever since kindergarten and now I am in fifth grade. I think that what Mrs. Libby said in her letter to you was wrong. I have made many good friends and I don't think it has anything to do with the way I act, dress, feel, look, like, speak or think. The education there is wonderful.

Nancy Valdez
Carmel Valley

Elitist Horse Owners

I am writing in response to my reactions to the meeting the other night (of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District) in Carmel Valley. I took time off from work to go to the meeting, but did not arrive in time to sign up to speak. If this is going to be district policy for meetings, maybe it should be published in advance, so that concerned citizens can be prepared. Citizen input may be inconvenient, and tedious, but why else have a public meeting?

I have coached soccer in Carmel Valley for the last eleven years. At times I have 80 children on the teams I am directly responsible for. This activity is at times also tedious and inconvenient, as I work two jobs, and have three children of my own. I keep doing it, though, because the rewards are great. The kids love to play. The need is even greater. For much of the year, my silly soccer group is the only free, supervised activity going on out there. Most of the parents work, and there is not much for the kids to do after school.

What has this to do with mountain bikes? Virtually every one of my kids has a mountain bike. They have nowhere to ride them, except down to hang out at Kasey's. I also have a mountain bike, and join them in their frustration. To me, an active, agile body means an active, agile mind. In the absence of accessible, affordable recreational activities for our children, are we supposed to be surprised about the spread of drugs and all that?

As a working person, I do not have either the money or the time to devote to owning a horse. I like horses, but it is inconceivable to me that a group of 60 or so horse owners can dictate public policy over more than 3,000 acres of public land. I listened to the comments of the registered speakers the other night, and if I owned a horse, I would be embarrassed to be associated with such a greedy, selfish, short-sighted group. What equestrian organization has the remotest youth program? Let's face it, Carmel Valley horse owners are, by and large, an elitist, wealthy, leisure group. If Garland Park is to be the private enclave of horse owners, perhaps they should begin to pay their share of the public costs of their exclusive activity.

Michael Jones
Carmel Valley

Art Columns Helpful

The Monterey Museum of Art Docent Council wishes to thank you for contributing your publication, *Carmel Valley Sun,* to our reference library.

We feel the column, "Brushstrokes," and the column, "Art Happenings," are especially appropriate in furthering and increasing interest in the arts on the Monterey peninsula and encouraging visits by all ages to museum exhibitions.

Mrs. Byron Josi, Chairman
MPMA Docent Council

Revisionists of History

During the past year, a series of rather presumptuous articles and letters by local history buffs declaiming against historical accounts of the beginning of Carmel Valley's post office in 1889 have culminated in the most recent diatribe by Barbara Marks, using the inaccurate historical conclusions of postal historian Rick Wilkerson to impugn the integrity of local historians who recommended that Carmel Valley residents celebrate a centennial last year based on the opening of the Valley's first post office.

As one of those historians who used photocopied documents from the Postal Service archives in Washington, D.C. in my published history of the U.S. Post Office in Carmel Valley in 1889, I'd like to express my resentment against the stated and implied slights against my character and the support which local, establishment oriented newspapers have shown for these unprofessional revisionists of history.

Barbara Marks has produced no historical evidence or research of her own to substantiate her extravagant claims of untruthfulness and lack of integrity on the part of historians who don't agree with her. Mr. Wilkerson, who has researched the subject, contradicts himself in his own published postal history in the December, 1968 issue of "Noticias del Puerto de Monterey" which states that Carmel Valley's first post office was indeed located deep in Carmel Valley in 1893 where he himself calls it the "Carmel P.O.". Since we all agree that the Carmel P.O. in 1893 was located 14 miles east on the Valley Road, where Joe Hitchcock, Jr., himself, also remembered it as a child, why didn't Mr. Wilkerson bother to explain in his lengthy article in *The Herald* how it could have been located at Point Lobos in 1889, then allegedly moved to Carmel Valley by 1893?

To substantiate his contradiction with federal postal records, Mr. Wilkerson relies on an erroneous report in a Salinas newspaper, a report whose existence is surprising since no issues from that October-November date survive in the Monterey Peninsula newspapers of that era. The *Salinas Weekly Index* report was probably guesswork, a deduction from the fact that Antonio Nunes was a part owner of a saloon located at Point Lobos. Mr.

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Opinion

Why I Changed My Mind About the Hatton Canyon Freeway

By Dick Heuer

Caltrans' plan for the Hatton Canyon Freeway is nearing the end of the road. One may hope that the death knell comes swiftly, so that we can get on with other, more realistic, solutions to the urgent traffic problems on Carmel Hill and at the mouth of the Valley.

Until recently, I favored a highway through Hatton Canyon but opposed the specific Caltrans plan for that highway. I have now switched to support of widening Highway 1, with an underpass at Carmel Valley Road, as the only viable answer to the traffic problems on Carmel Hill.

I have followed the freeway issue very closely for some years now, so one might wonder what prompted a change of mind at this late date.

First, some background on my previous view. As soon as the Caltrans plan was announced, I rejected it because of the raised earthen berm across the mouth of the Valley and the lack of an interchange at Rio Road. It was inconceivable to me that a responsible engineer would design a freeway that had no direct access to the shopping centers. I was also concerned about the functioning of the Carmel Valley Road interchange, especially because of its location so close to what would become a bottleneck at Carmel Rancho Boulevard. Although concerned about the environmental impacts in Hatton Canyon, I accepted those impacts as an unavoidable cost of solving our traffic problems. The decision to use the Hatton Canyon alignment had been made several years ago, and it seemed fruitless to challenge that decision. I reasoned that the freeway would open the canyon for the enjoyment of many more people. It would be a beautiful drive — the type of scenic experience that is appropriate for our area. By contrast, a widened Highway 1, with back and front yards exposed after the trees are removed, would not be an attractive sight.

What changed my mind was, first, the growing conviction that no highway will ever be built through Hatton Canyon. Caltrans' Swiss-cheese Environmental Impact Statement is so full of holes that it will be tied up in court indefinitely. Caltrans admits having selected the *most* environmentally damaging alternative, but justifies this on the grounds that there are no other feasible alternatives. Yet Caltrans' evaluation of alternatives is extraordinarily weak and incomplete.

It has also become apparent that there really are formidable environmental problems with putting a highway through the canyon. Even if the EIS were a more defensible document, the project might never gain the required approval from the environmental agencies.

Secondly, supporters of widening Highway 1 have made a valid case. With 40 to 50 foot buffer zones for replanting on either side of a four-lane highway, the road would not be as unattractive as I had anticipated. And it will provide significant traffic improvements for a considerable period of time. It will suffice for an even longer period if the supervisors exercise greater restraint in approving new hotels, subdivisions, and commercial developments at the mouth of the Valley and south of Carmel River.

I have no confidence in Caltrans' traffic projections, nor in their analysis of how much traffic Highway 1 could carry if it were widened to four lanes. Their traffic projections are based on full buildout of the area plans, yet we know that many projects foreseen in the area plans will never be built.

Caltrans' analysis of traffic capacity on a wider Highway 1 is deliberately skewed to favor the Hatton Canyon alternative. Caltrans didn't even study the effects of an underpass at Carmel Valley Road until the public insisted on it. As the Sierra Club pointed out at the forum several weeks ago, there are many additional ways of optimizing traffic flow on a widened Highway 1 that have never been analyzed by Caltrans. One of my favorites is an underpass at Rio Road for northbound through traffic.

We have an urgent traffic problem. Let's get on with fixing it. Widening Highway 1 to four lanes, with an underpass at Carmel Valley Road is certainly the quickest and cheapest way to do it. It may also be the best way, and, realistically, probably the only way that is going to get approved.

Dick Heuer is the former owner of the Sun and present chairman of the Water Board. He has followed the freeway issue closely while reporting on it for the newspaper.

FINISHING TOUCHES are applied by Web Buckham as he cements a brass plaque in place over the 100-year time capsule that was prepared as part of last August's Centennial Celebration. The capsule and its handsome plaque are at the base of the flag pole at the Community Center. Bob Meadows and Larry McCann helped Buckham put the plaque in place. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Lines to be Buried Along Valley Road

Some $550,000 has been set aside to pay for placing another stretch of utility lines underground along Carmel Valley Road.

Herb Naslund of the County Public Works Department said the funds would pay for over a half-mile of underground lines from Via Petra to about 950 feet west of Canada Way.

Funds were allocated to that project after Monterey County received $1.8 million from a state fund. Created by the state Public Utilities Commission, the fund is financed by PG&E, the telephone company and other utilities who are required to contribute a small percentage of their income to be used to bury above-ground utilities.

Naslund said King City would receive $450,000 from the most recent allocation to the county and a River Road Project would get $800,000.

The work, which costs about $1 million a mile, should be completed on Carmel Valley Road within two years or so.

After it is finished, a second phase is planned from the end of the undergrounding to Brookdale and a third phase from Brookdale to Valley Greens Drive.

Positive Thoughts

Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor? —Nonpareil

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, not with, the wind.
—John Neal

A happy wife sometimes has the best husband, but more often makes the best of the husband she has.
—Mark Beltaire

A fair idea put to use is better than a good idea kept on the polishing wheel.—Alex Osborne

People seldom notice old clothes if you wear a big smile.—Lee Mildon

Good supervision is the art of getting average people to do superior work.—Supervision

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.—John E. Southard.

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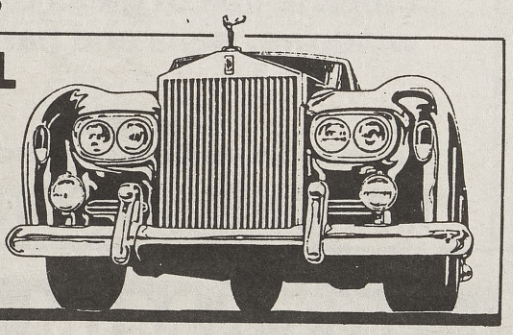

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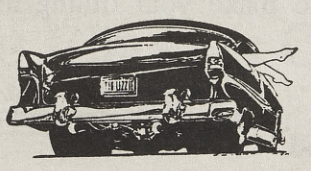

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SHERIFF'S LOG

MID VALLEY. A man reported $1,800 in cash and other items were taken from his van which was broken into while parked at Carmel Valley Racquet Club. 2/5.

VILLAGE. A man reported his water meter was damaged and his water turned off; juveniles were suspected. 2/5.

Bull on the Loose

CACHAGUA. A woman in Asoleado reported a loose bull roaming around her property; Rana Ranch was contacted and came and collected the bull. 2/6.

PALO COLORADO CANYON. A woman reported someone had entered her house, but nothing appeared to be missing. 2/7.

VILLAGE. A woman reported losing her wallet either at home or at work. 2/7.

MID VALLEY. A man reported a window was broken out of his car while it was parked at Carmel Valley Racquet Club and two tennis racquets were stolen. 2/7.

CARMEL RANCHO. Colours Hair Fashions reported an undetermined amount of money and merchandise were stolen by someone who broke into the shop. 2/8.

MID VALLEY. A man reported the theft of coins from his Del Mesa Carmel home in December. 2/8.

CROSSROADS. Security people at Longs Drugs reported they were holding a juvenile suspected of attempted burglary. 2/8.

More Vehicle Break-Ins

MID VALLEY. A Village man reported stereo equipment was stolen from his truck when it was broken into while parked on Via Sereno. 2/9.

SOUTH COAST. A woman on Spindrift reported wood cutters in her neighborhood were disturbing the peace. 2/10.

VILLAGE. A Monterey man reported binoculars, a spotting scope and hunting knife were stolen from his pick up while it was parked in the Village. 2/10.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported the theft of clothing from a residence on Robinson Canyon Road. 2/11.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported her car was broken into while it was parked in her driveway on Valley Greens Drive and her purse stolen. 2/11.

MID VALLEY. A tourist from Helena, Mont., reported a camera was stolen from his car while it was parked on Robinson Canyon Road. 2/11.

VILLAGE. A woman reported someone had pocked the windshield of a car parked outside her home by shooting it with BBs over the past several weeks. 2/12.

MOUTH OF THE VALLEY. An open door was reported at Middle School. 2/12.

More Loose Livestock

VILLAGE. A woman reported cows were running loose on her property. 2/13.

VILLAGE. A woman reported dust and noise were coming from Carmel Valley Airport. 2/14.

VILLAGE. A car parked on Paso Hondo was reported broken into between 2/13 and 2/15 and stereo equipment stolen. 2/15.

MID VALLEY. A man reportedly took a golf putter he had been trying out without paying for it and also stole another golfers' bag and clubs at Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club; total loss estimated at $1486. 2/15.

Election Filing Period Ends March 9

Bradley J. Clark, County Registrar of Voters reports that declarations of candidacy and nominating papers for candidates seeking state, county or district office in the June primary election must be filed by March 9.

The only exception is if an incumbent fails to file by 5 p.m. on March 9; in that case, the nominating period is extended for five days for any person other than the incumbent.

The papers must be filed at the Election Department office, 201 Main Street, Salinas.

Citizens Ask Changes Before Supervisors Approve Master Plan

A citizens' advisory committee working on a master plan for Carmel Valley Village has written county planners with 15 specific changes it wants made before the document goes before the Supervisors on March 13 for their approval.

"It is the opinion of our committee that several important directions have been omitted...," said Roger Williams, one of the five members of the committee, in the letter to Planning Commissioner Marit Evans. She was chairman of a Planning Commission subcommittee which worked on the Village master plan, which also has been called a design criteria document.

The document is designed to provide strong guidance for the Upper Carmel Advisory Committee to follow in considering and making recommendations to the Planning Commission about future development in the Village.

The major difference between the committee's recommendations and a draft document that has been approved by the Planning Commission is over what should happen to the airport once it ceases to function as an airport.

The advisory committee, which has spent two years preparing a draft plan, wants to limit the number and types of uses on the airport. The draft as approved by the Planning Commission takes its language from the Carmel Valley Master Plan and would allow commercial, recreational and visitor accommodations or a destination resort to be built there.

Peter Coakley, another of the advisory committee members, said the present language, which ignores the committee's strongly held opinions, conceivable could even permit the 150 hotel rooms still to be allowed in the Valley to be built on the airport site.

Williams and Coakley said their group hoped to meet with Mrs. Evans and Russ Lambert, a staff planner, to discuss their differences before the Board of Supervisors consider final approval.

The Planning Commission gave its approval to the document Nov. 29, even as Coakley and Williams waited to voice their complaints that the advisory group's recommendations had been ignored in the final phases of the document's development.

Other members of the advisory committee were Bob Heald, Debbie Saxton and Randy Randazzo.

Big Sur Multi-Agency Council Meets Feb. 23

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman has announced the next quarterly meeting of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council will be held at the Pfeiffer State Park Conference Center in Big Sur Feb. 23.

The agenda for the 10 a.m. meeting includes a presentation by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the Monterey Bay Sanctuary, the Planning and Conservation League review of the Wildlife Ballot Initiative, a new Management Plan by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for Mill Creek Preserve and reports on legal pursuit of land use violations in Big Sur.

The Big Sur Multi-Agency Council consists of representatives of major governmental agencies with jurisdiction in Big Sur. It acts as an informal review body for all development proposals in Big Sur. The meeting is open to the public.

Supervisor Seeks Applicants For Two Advisory Boards

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is seeking applicants from her district to serve on two advisory committees—the Emergency Medical Services Committee and the Urban Water Conservation Steering Committee.

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Mid Valley Chief Supports Fire Consolidation Proposal

By Bob Bates

Chief Gary Carmichael of Mid Valley Fire Department is the first of local chiefs to go on record in favor of a proposed consolidation of six fire departments in the Greater Carmel Valley area.

The proposal has been controversial since some local departments foresee loss of control over their own operations should consolidation go through. But Carmichael told the *Sun*, "I think it is proper."

Departments in the Greater Carmel Valley Emergency Service Region which would be affected by the consolidation, if and when it takes place, include: Carmel Valley, Mid Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach, Cachagua and two County Service Areas—No. 43 on Rio Road at the mouth of the Valley and No. 39, located next to Community Hospital.

"I understand about the fears over consolidation," Carmichael said. "Some jobs and departments obviously will be eliminated if we consolidate."

He added, however, that it is not logical to maintain six separate, largely volunteer departments to serve a relatively small area with a population of just 22,000-25,000.

"We can combine and still have home rule," Carmichael said. He said even in an area as vast as Los Angeles, local fire departments will argue that they have good control of their own operations even though they are part of a county-wide organization.

The consolidation issue came up in recent weeks with the release of a draft study by a San Mateo consulting firm, Hughes, Heiss and Associates. The study argued that consolidation could save money while providing better service to the region.

Despite Carmichael's endorsement, Carmel Valley Fire Chief Bob Heald said, "Some of us are not happy with the way the study is being handled. There are a lot of cryptic recommendations in the report that are rather nebulous.

"We sent the report back to the consulting firm in hopes of obtaining more concise recommendations and clarifications," Heald said.

Chief Lanny White of Carmel Highlands Volunteer Fire Department was cautious in his assessment of the proposal. "We have adopted a wait-and-see attitude," he said. "The board of directors has not come to any conclusion. So far there has only been an exchange of information."

Carmichael said the draft report still is before a local steering committee, and a final draft is due to be issued March 22. That draft will then go to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for its approval, Carmichael said.

LAFCO's Jim Cook said it would then be up to one or more of the potentially affected departments to make proposed changes in the way fire protection service is provided in the region. He said those proposals could take many different forms—consolidation, re-organization, changes in service boundaries or revisions to the various spheres of influence in the region.

Carmichael called for the consolidation study after Ed Haber, president of Quail Lodge and a local developer, sought a sphere of influence change so that CSA 43 at Rio Road would be designated to provide service for Haber's new Quail Meadows subdivision. The change was approved by LAFCO in 1988, removing Mid Valley's responsibility for that area.

Haber told the *Sun* his motivation for seeking the change was improved protection for the development.

"Most of Carmel Valley Road is four-laned coming from the mouth of the Valley, and there is a right turn at San Carlos Road coming from that direction, rather than a left turn at what is presently a dangerous intersection," Haber said. "Fire engines coming from the mouth of the Valley are less likely to be hindered by traffic. We also did traffic studies, and arrival times for fire engines coming from Rio Road were about a half a minute sooner."

FIRST FULL-TIME WOMAN FIREFIGHTER at Carmel Highlands is Elizabeth Dawkins. She is shown discussing the department's newest truck with Lt. Colin McDonald. The truck was designed to include features to help ensure the safety of firemen. Ms. Dawkins, who formerly worked as a nurse's assistant, joined the department full-time after serving as a volunteer for a year and attending classes at Monterey Peninsula College. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Defibrillator Drive Raises $4,200 So Far

Lt. Jeff Trapp of the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department said $4,200 has been donated or committed so far toward the purchase of semi-automatic defibrillators to provide better emergency medical service for heart attack victims.

The fundraising, being conducted since December by the Valley Volunteers, an adjunct to the department, is aimed at raising enough to buy two of the sophisticated machines. Trapp said they cost about $6,200 each.

Plans call for one of the units to be used in an American Red Cross ambulance being operated by the department with the other being carried in the chief's vehicle.

The battery powered machines allow emergency crews to apply an electrical shock to help restore normal heart rhythm in heart attack victims. The machines being sought by the fire department monitor the heart's beat and allow an electrical shock to be applied only if it senses a life threatening rhythm.

Trapp said donations should be sent to Valley Volunteers Inc., P. O. Box 965, Carmel Valley, 93924.

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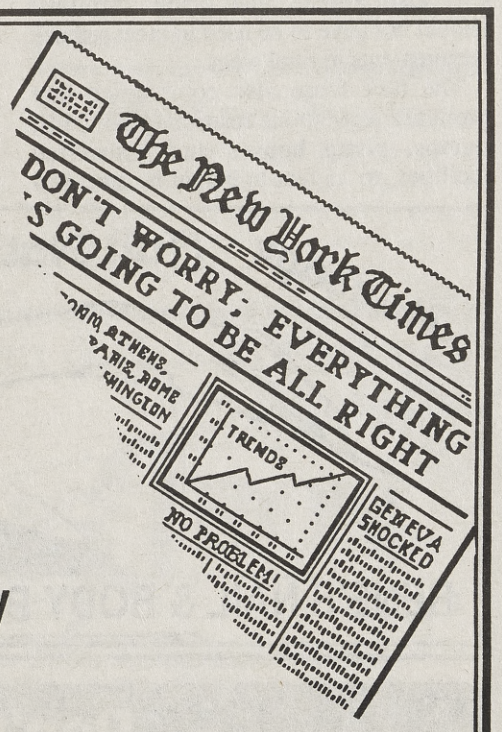

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Ramos Is County Land Use Expert

By Bob Bates

"I want to be the leading authority on land use in California," declared J. R. Ramos, senior deputy counsel for Monterey County.

Ramos, who took the Carmel Valley Master Plan through a gruelling eight years of litigation as county counsel, may be well on his way to realizing his goal.

He published a two-volume book, "Land Use Procedure," in 1988. It is a guide to help the uninitiated through the labyrinth of regulations and procedures involved in making land use applications.

"I saw a need for an analysis of the various steps and the time frames involved in the making of land use applications," Ramos said. "It was while doing that that I decided to do the book."

Published by Parker and Sons Publications of Los Angeles, the work is available to the public for $125.

Ramos said he thought the book would be helpful to a broad range of individuals, including applicants, environmentalists, lawyers, real estate people and bankers and investors.

"I would like to see the book become the standard text for land use in California," he said.

As senior deputy counsel, the 55-year-old Ramos is legal advisor to both the County Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission when they are dealing with land use matters. He also represents both in court during trials.

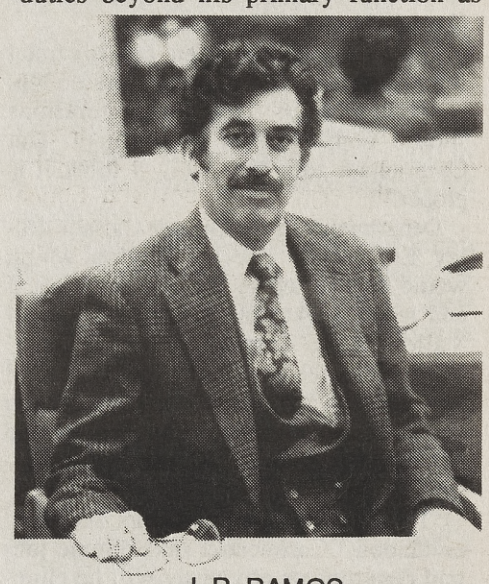
He also advises the Public Works Department on subdivision improvement and financing and has counseled Walter Wong, director of Environmental Health, on asbestos clean-up efforts over the years.

Ramos brings to his position experience in land use as an applicant as well as a representative of granting agencies.

Assistant regional counsel for the U. S. Postal Service from 1966-72, Ramos was responsible for advising 12 real estate officers of the postal service and their staffs for more than five years on matters often involving complex urban acquisitions. During one year, 1970, he was instrumental in leasing 1,768 buildings for the postal service and the construction of 77 new facilities.

From 1972-75, Ramos was legal counsel for Pacific Lighting Corp., a conglomerate with holdings in real estate, farming and natural gas leasing, distribution and exploration for for Southern California Gas Corp., a subsidiary.

Since coming to Monterey County in 1975, Ramos has performed a variety of duties beyond his primary function as



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deputy county counsel, including serving as Juvenile Court Referee. In that position, he was responsible for taking into custody children who needed to be placed into foster homes.

Many of those children were from military families stationed at Ft. Ord, he said. "The children of military personnel often lead stressful lives. They are moved around a lot," he said.

While serving in Juvenile Court, Ramos sometimes had to translate the entire proceedings into Spanish. Since that time, he has been instrumental in the creation of a pool of interpreters for use in both the courts and the elections department.

Ramos lives with his wife, Yve, live in Monterey. The parents of seven children, both are ardent joggers. Ramos can often be seen running to the Salinas River and back from his courthouse office during his lunch hour.

Zoning Ordinance Opposed

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According to Mrs. Wilson, who operates Rancho Chupinos in Cachagua with her husband, Bob, the restrictions on dogs and cats were put in by the Planning Department staff after the Planning Commission had approved the ordinance known as Title 21 last June. It constitutes the first major revision since 1955.

In a letter to Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck last Dec. 12 when she was chair of the Board of Supervisors, the task force set forth its major concerns and suggested a number of changes in behalf of the agricultural community.

It represents county groups from: Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, Grape Growers, Flower Growers, Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association of Central California, Independent Growers Association, California Association of Nurserymen, California Agricultural Production Consultants Association, California Women for Agriculture and Cowbelles.

It also argued that prime farmland should not have to be used to meet setback requirements in rural areas.

The task force also complained that proposed regulations restricting all wells, pumps, pump houses and associated facilities to 15 feet in height be amended to 35 feet with an exemption for windmills which routinely are taller than 35 feet.

Under Title 21, shops used by farmers to repair their own equipment would be required to obtain use permits along with commercial farm equipment shops. The Task Force requested a distinction be made, saying, "A farm or ranch owner routinely performs repairs, maintenance or servicing of equipment used in the production of agricultural products."

It objected to the definition of "open space" to include farmlands and grazing areas, expressing "considerable concern...that open space may take precedence and disallow the usage of normal and commonly accepted agricultural practices under the interpretation of 'preserving open space.'"

On the same grounds, it said scenic highway corridors do not apply in agricultural zoning areas: "Many agricultural operations exist in currently-designated scenic highway corridors...a strict interpretation of this definition...and the application of Visually Sensitive zoning would be detrimental to many of the county's agricultural operations and would impact the County's economy."

Reminding the supervisors that they have funded wine industry promotions and encouraged the economic growth and development of the industry, the task force stressed, "Potential winery operations must believe that locating in this County will be beneficial and profitable for them."

It said retail sales at wineries should be encouraged instead of being subject to regulations permitting only those that are "clearly accessory and incidental to the production of wines on site."

"We would also like to remind the board of the need to prepare for the updating of the Monterey County General Plan," the task force said. "In the update process we will strongly urge that an "Agriculture Element' be included...which will insure and protect our industry, allowing it to remain strong, productive and economically sound."

As for the proposed requirements for dogs and cats, it said: "We would simply like to point out that this is entirely new language and was not included in the document approved by the Planning Commission. It is typical for a farmer or rancher to have large numbers of domestic animals. It is not appropriate for the County to regulate this in the agricultural zoning designations as they are not a problem in those areas."

Under Title 21, the County Planning Director would have to approve the location, landscaping and painting of farm water tanks. Describing this as "onerous," the task force said, "Most of these tanks are not visible to the general public."

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Old-Time Medicine: Herbal Remedies

Listening to someone tell in his or her own words how things were in the old days can be a fascinating experience. The Carmel Valley History Society recently received a set of oral history tapes recorded by Julie Risdon in the early 1950's.

The interviews, which have been painstakingly re-recorded on cassette tape and transcribed in script form by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pylate, constitute a lengthy talk with Francisca Abbey and Emma Ambrosia. Both ladies, who were cousins, were descendants of the Boronda family, Carmel Valley's first permanent settlers.

The interview reveals much of what everyday life was like in Carmel Valley in the old days. Both Mrs. Abbey and Mrs. Ambrosia were in their 80's at the time of the interview, which puts their birth time in the late 1860's. Much of what they related about life in the old Boronda adobe was passed down to them by their parents.

Life was isolated in the Valley during the 19th century. Just to drive a wagon to Monterey took the better part of a day, so when illness or injury struck, home remedies were the most common methods of treating people.

Medicinal herbs were grown in home gardens or gathered from the hills. People made their own salves, and boiled up cough and laxative syrups and spring tonics from the barks of many kinds of trees. Some medicines were learned from the Indians, and many herbs were kept in dried form at home to use as needed.

In the Boronda household, herbs were used for ailments from stomachache to snakebite. Mrs. Ambrosia mentioned Chamomile, known as Manzanilla to her family, as being "good for everything." it was taken as tea for pains or applied as a poultice for aches. The family also used Peppermint, which they called Yerba Buena, as a tea. Sasparilla, another common medicine, was gathered from the sloughs in Castroville.

Bear Berry, like Chamomile, said Mrs. Ambrosia, was used for just about everything, too. "If you had a fever, they would boil it and give you a big glass to drink." Another item was called Foregno, a cool drink made by Mrs. Abbey's mother, "It came from the Fresno (Ash) tree. It was very hard. You used to take a knife and just take little slivers off and put it in boiling water. The water would be all colors of the rainbow."

"I remember there was an herb when grandfather broke his leg," she continued. "He broke his leg here in the Los Laureles breaking a colt. The colt dashed through two forked trees and the space was too small for the horse to go through and the horse forced his way through and caught his leg and broke it."

"He had it amputated by some neighbor. With an ordinary saw. he asked my grandmother for a big shot of whiskey to kind of brace him up and he told his neighbor to go to work on his leg and saw it off."

As if that wasn't bad enough the job was poorly done. Mrs. Abbey continued, "Someone should have held the leg while he sawed it off but they didn't and the leg fell on the floor and left quite a splinter on the leg stump. My mother said she remembered that it used to discharge for a long, long time."

It was a time like that, Mrs. Abbey said, where the home remedies were a matter of life or death. "An Indian told my grandfather there was an herb that would heal the leg, so they used to go for miles on horseback to get this herb and cook it up. My grandfather kept it in a jar and twice a week bathed the stump in it.

That wasn't the end of the story, however. An aunt of Mrs. Abbey's went to move something in the kitchen, and by mistake knocked over the jar, spilling the concoction. No one would tell who did it. Grandfather was apparently very severe about losing his remedy and determined to punish the guilty party.

Mrs. Abbey explained, "The two aunts were called in and, of course, my mother witnessed it. One aunt was timid and got nervous right away, the other aunt was a little bold and said she didn't know anything about herbs.

"Well, my grandfather got a pan of water and told the two girls to put a finger in the water and the one he could see shaking he figured was the one who had done it. Neither was being truthful but he knew one had done it. Aunt Isabel, who was always so nervous, her finger was shaking so she was the one who got punished. I think she got a good strapping and the other aunt, Maria, had that on her conscience, you see, so she finally went to my grandfather and said, 'You know, grandfather, it hurts me to see Isabel take a whipping. I was the one.'"

Editor's Note: "Yesteryears," a column about local history, is written under the auspices of the Carmel Valley History Society. The group meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Esquiline Road. The public is welcome.

A Taste of History

The Old Monterey Preservation Society will hold its annual meeting Feb. 24 at the Cooper-Molera Adobe highlighted by a talk on early California cuisine.

Jacqueline Higuera McMahan, an eighth generation California descended from Ygnacio Higuera who came to Monterey in 1775 as a member of the fabled Anza party on the Overland Route from Mexico, will discuss "Rancho Cooking."

Mrs. McMahan and her husband, Robert, have published three cookbooks on the subject which are available at the Cooper-Molera store. She will demonstrate the art of making salsas which then will be served at a traditional beans and tamale luncheon. Call 649-7111 for reservations.

Obituary

Earl Moser Passes Away

By Dick Heuer

Earl Moser shaped the environment that we now take for granted on the Monterey Peninsula. He passed away quietly on Feb. 15 at the age of 92.

Moser's courtly manner and stentorian voice were a familiar feature of public meetings on environmental issues for two-and-a-half decades. "Earl accomplished so much he is an inspiration to all of us," commented fellow environmentalist Mary Ann Matthews.

Moser was called a "modernized John Muir" at a dinner tribute in his honor organized in 1985 by the Big Sur Land Trust. As a Sierra Club leader, Moser received a National Special Achievement Award in 1983.

A retired Mobil Oil Corp. executive, Moser was co-leader of the Citizens for Clean Air Committee which successfully fought Humble Oil Co.'s 1965 proposal to build an oil refinery on what might have become a 3,800 acre industrial site around Moss Landing. That titanic battle "changed the future of Monterey County," according to a retrospective article in the *Herald* twenty years later.

Moser subsequently helped initiate the Regional Air Pollution Control District and was a strong voice on its advisory committee for eight years. He was elected to the board of directors of Carmel Sanitary District and served as its chairman for two years.

He led the committee which in 1968 raised money to help acquire the first segment of Jacks Peak Park, and one trail in that park is named the "Earl Moser Trail." Moser was especially proud of his role in forming the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District in 1973. He chaired the committee urging a yes vote on formation of the district.

Moser served many years on the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association board of directors, and several years as CVPOA president. As a member of the Carmel Valley Master Plan Committee, he helped write the forward-looking master plan.

Most recently, he was president of the Big Sur Land Trust for three years, where he played in important role in the preservation of open space.

Before his death, Moser remarked that his efforts to protect the natural values of this area have given him a greater sense of accomplishment than any activities prior to "retirement."

Growing up in a small Iowa town, Moser initially attended a one-room school and then had to walk, ride a bike, or drive a horse and buggy six miles each way to attend high school. He graduated from Grinnell College and later obtained a degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Moser taught at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, when it first opened in 1920. He was a professor at the Universities of Kansas and Oregon before moving to New York to work in the foreign trade department of a company which later became Mobil Oil Corp.

After 32 years with Mobil, including 13 years in Australia, Moser retired and settled in Carmel in 1961. He and his wife, Lois, were long-time residents of Hacienda Carmel.

Earl Moser is survived by his wife, two children, and five grandchildren. It is suggested that any memorials be sent to the Sierra Club Foundation, Big Sur Land Trust, or Grinnell College.

Edith Alt Dead at 85

Edith Alt, long-time Valley resident and civic leader, died Tuesday morning at the Hospice of Monterey Peninsula. She was 85 and was one of the founding organizers of the Hospice.

Mrs. Alt was active on behalf of many causes in the area and was the recipient of many awards, including the "Good Egg" award given by the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Vienna, Mrs. Alt entered the Hospice on the Friday before her death. As the *Sun* went to press, arrangements still were incomplete.

Mayflower Descendents Meet

The Monterey Bay Colony of the California Society of Mayflower Descendents spring luncheon will be at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club Feb. 24. For information, call 624-0571.

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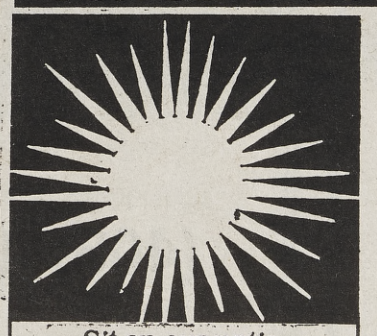
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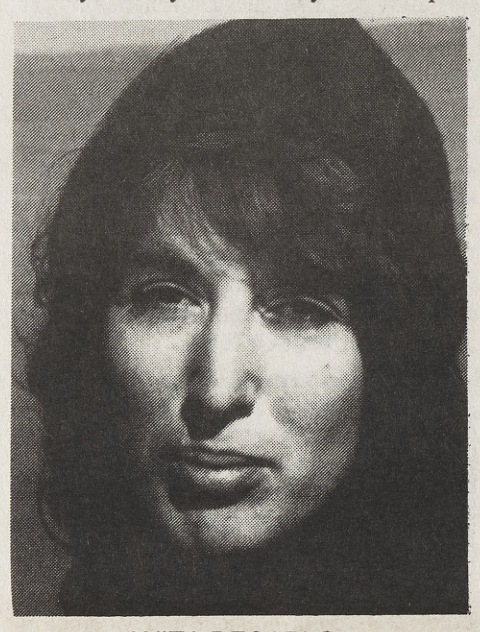
Brush Strokes *The Art Scene*

Feitelson and Bristol at the MPMA

By Anita DeCarlo

Thinking of one of the functions of art as an expression of our cultural continuum, I like to keep an eye on the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. One of the museum's functions is to supply us with displays of "historical art." "History" has such a past tense sound and art isn't. Or really, like any history, it's a continuum. Art, as part of our cultural historical debris is the continuing visible product of what preceded, as well as defining the invisible events and ideas from which it springs or with which it parallels.

I think Horace Bristol's "Grapes of Wrath" photographs and Lorser Feitelson's "Exploration of the Figure" are an interesting juxtaposition and wonder if it was deliberate. If not, it was a fortunate accident. Feitelson's work predates Bristol's by a few years but they are both part



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of the flow of socialism that was triggered by an increasingly aware world mentality of mass man's lot and the intellectual response of the socially responsible, usually writers and artists.

The work of Feitelson's represented at the museum is his early work executed between 1919 and 1929—he was but 21 years old—to 1931. It represents the same period of time as E. Charleton Fortune's impressionistic paintings, a show just taken down and which I reviewed here in October. Feitelson's work reflects the modernism which Fortune decried and which found no use for her. Well time *has* told.

The development of international modernism, synonymous with artists like Picasso and Bracque and their cubistic paintings, and Cezanne and Duchamp's mobile futuristic forms reflect the breakup of tradition of all history at that time. Take what is and distort it for an intellectual standard. Look at Feitelson's "Leda" and "Two Bathers" done in 1919 and "Cubist figures," "Three Nudes," Four Bathers," several "Artists and Model," done in the 20's through those done in 1923 and see that deliberate concern with the cerebral: taking an already devised method of fracturing the figure and reassembling for the purposes, aesthetically, of a balanced rectangle, art intellectually for the statement of a fractured figure. He has done well within the confines of a borrowed vision.

The problem with "modernism" is just that—too defined to allow real personal intent, and so, impersonal. But I reflect on the impact of socialism as politics and see just that.

It is interesting to see the reverse seem to take place in a few short years, open mobile fractured forms take on the solidity of granite—the world is built on the solid backs of the workers. The figures in "The Cradle," and "Peasant Interior" (1929), "Mother and Infant" (1927), "Le Petite Mere" (1926) and "Convalescence" are classic in form and execution, subjected to a political interpretation of the solidity of these peasant figures and romanticized. Color is not important (it was all there was for Fortune and the impressionists)—classical chiaro scene paintings, barely warm and cool, heavily varnished. I feel they are, as such, social commentary of the time as pop art is of the 60's.

Certainly, they are not without other aesthetic considerations. I feel Feitelson was a disciplined painter and intensely involved in art. But, to set him in a kinder light than just a copy artist, I would like

TWO FIGURES: KINETIC ORGANIZATION, by Lorser Feitelson, Photo Courtesy Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

to borrow from poet Wallace Stevens' writing about reviewers in 1953: "Most of them seem to think that one writes poetry in order to imitate Mallarme or in order to be a member of this or that school. It is quite possible to have a feeling about the world which creates a need that nothing satisfies except poetry and this has nothing to do with other poets or with anything else."

The fact that Feitelson was working like others has to do with the fact he painted during the same historical period and was affected by the same world mentality. Fortune, on the other hand, had honed in on a deeper aesthetic need that discarded any other function for her art and so produced a more timeless body of work.

The upshot is, we can look at Feitelson's work and know exactly which time frame it was executed in. Just as we can look at Bristol's work and know.

The impact of walking through the entry gallery, seeing Bristol's photojournalism of the migrant farm workers, sinewy, bent, hollow-eyed, demanding, discouraged, accepting of their fate as workers, is sobering. They are a poignant witness to a time and conditions that changed history. The visual handling of the imagery adds to the power—we hear it, feel it, smell it, as

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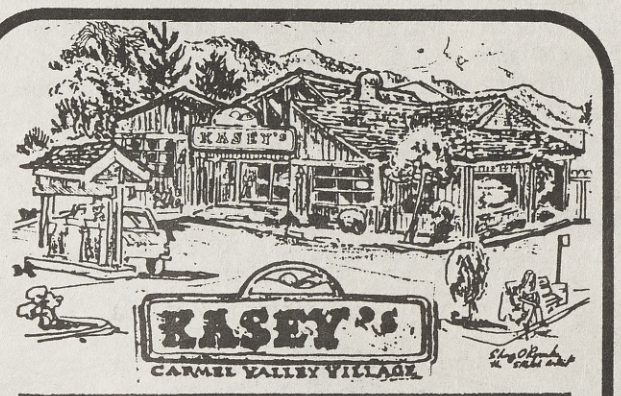

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Will the patron who asked for Jack London's *John Barleycorn*, please call the Carmel Valley Branch—we've lost your name and number.

A reminder to parents that pre-school storytime is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Betty Loring does a wonderful job of sharing stories with children ages 3 and up during this free, half-hour program.

Through the end of the month, we are pleased to display Alexis Dominguez's lovely watercolors. We also have Andrew Wallace's collection of fossils in our display case.

We have IRS and FTB forms available to take or copy. Library hours are: Tuesday 11-8, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-6, Thursdays, 2-6 and Saturdays 10-5. Call 659-2377 for information.

Woman of the Year

The Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula will announce its Woman of the Year Award at a special meeting Feb. 23 at the Monterey Aquarium.

Judge Wendy Duffy of the Municipal Court of Monterey County will be the guest speaker. Topic of her speech is "Women in the Legal Profession—A View from the Bench." The $35 fee includes dinner and a tour of the aquarium. The public is invited. Call 375-6349.

ART HAPPENINGS

Bay School will hold its annual art show fundraiser at The Lodge of Pebble Beach, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Feb. 23. All childrens' paintings will be for sale. 626-0206.

The Central Coast Art Association is sponsoring a watercolor with collage demonstration by Virginia Medina Feb. 26 in the Chapman Room, Sunset Center, Carmel, public invited, 7:30 p.m.

"Pacific Grove...the Left Bank of the Monterey Peninsula" will be the topic of the March meeting of the Central Coast Chapter of Artists Equity, at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 7:30 p.m., March 5. 375-6165.

"Aegean Odyssey," by Russian artist Igor Medvedev will open with a public champagn reception, 4-6 p.m., Feb. 24, Hanson Galleries, Carmel, 625-3111.

YOUNG RIDERS line their mounts up for judging at a recent English equestrian competition at the Village's Trail and Saddle Club. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Brush Strokes

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well as see it. They are a personal and public stimulus.

Then we enter the Feitelson show and see a response: visual, yes; romanticized, not real, poetic, intellectually divorced from feeling—which is important because this genre of art sought a function other than visual. But when I walk back out through those photos, I think it missed it.

I would like to invite my readers--all Sun readers--to my reception at the Marjorie Evans Sunset Gallery where I am having a show in March. The reception is from 5-7 p.m., March 2. Please come and tell me what you think. I want to meet you.

Monterey American Indian Expo and Sale, Monterey Fairgrounds, Salinas Room, March 2-4, Adults $4.75, Children, $2.

Deadline for submission to the 3rd annual "Dreaming Art" Festival at the Cherry Foundation is March 15. $15 entry fee. Exhibition opens April 7. 624-7491.

Like Father, Like Sons

Valley artist Miguel Dominguez has an exhibit of paintings at Carmel Valley Ranch Resort this month. Not to be outdone,his son, Alexis, 14, has his own exhibit at the Carmel Valley Village Library. The third member of this artistic family, Miguelin, 17, will join Alexis in a two-brother exhibit in April at the Carmel Valley Manor Gallery.

Alexis, who is in the 8th Grade at Carmel Middle School, has had solo shows at the Carmel Valley Post Office, Great Western Bank, Carmel, and at the Annual Carmel Arts & Crafts Fair at Sunset Center. In 1987, he won an award at the Monterey County Fair.

The senior Dominguez was born in El Paso, Texas, in 1941, and settled in the Salinas Valley before moving to Carmel Valley. Virtually self-taught, his watercolor, watercolor-gouache and watercolor-acrylic paintings are shown at the Carmel Art Association, Fireside Galleries, Carmel, and Sea Ranch, California, Sedona, Arizona, and Cape Cod, Masachusetts galleries.

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CVPOA Membership Meeting Learns About Big Sur Land Trust

Brian Steen, executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust, was the guest speaker at the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association's 41st Annual Membership Meeting at Hidden Valley Seminars on Feb. 15.

The property owners learned about the land trust, heard the results of their leadership election, and received reports from their president and committee chairmen.

Dick and Shirley Nimmons were awarded life memberships in CVPOA for their outstanding contributions to the organization and the community over a 10 year period. The Nimmons are moving to Washington state. Their friends on the CVPOA board gave them a gift of a cordless telephone so that, according to President Max Chaplin, "you can keep in touch with friends no matter where you are."

Membership chairman Jack McIlhenny reported that CVPOA membership increased by 200 last year to a current total of about 1,300.

Steen explained that the Big Sur Land Trust was incorporated in 1978 by Big Sur residents seeking alternatives for preserving open space for public benefit. It expanded in 1985 to include the Carmel Valley area and greater Monterey Peninsula. Steen is its first and only executive director.

Steen explained that the land trust itself is not a wealthy organization. It acts principally as a broker, putting together willing sellers with willing sources of funds. When the land trust purchases a property outright, it is often with a view to selling it later to the state or county parks department of the Monterey Peninsula park district.

Many properties have been donated to the land trust, or in some cases, only development rights have been donated in return for a tax deduction. Changes in tax laws and the maximum tax rate have reduced donations, Steen explained. "We are doing more purchases during the past five years. The money comes from private individuals, foundations, and the public sector," Steen said.

Steen attributed the Big Sur Land Trust's success to an enthusiastic and dedicated board of directors that takes a long range view and has been willing to take risks.

He noted that, in a sense, "the CVPOA board of directors has been a training ground for service on the land trust board." He pointed out four directors of the land trust who were in the audience. Doug Despard, Dick Dalsemer, and Marjorie Foote are past presidents of CVPOA. Rod Mills is current CVPOA vice president.

Owner Denies Alleged Rec Park Violations

The chairman of the Lower Carmel Valley Advisory Committee has written to the County Planning Department suggesting that new owners of Saddle Mountain Recreation Park have illegally graded the property and created more camp sites than allowed. One of the owners denied it.

Allan W. Sandstrum said he complained after two members of his committee and two representatives of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association inspected the park in December.

Sandstrum said the group observed a number of apparent violations including at least a 70 percent increase in the number of camp sites and "not permitted grading that threatens both neighbors and the river below."

However, Buzz Schulte, one of the new owners of the camp which is off Schulte Road, told the *Sun*: "Everything we've done, we've done with county approval and permits. We're sensitive to the environmental concerns in this area, and we've tried to do a real good job in cleaning the place up and making some badly needed corrections."

Schulte also said that it is not true that the park has created more than the 50 sites the county has approved for recreational vehicles or tents.

In his complaint, Sandstrum said he and his group would like to inspect the property with a representative of the Planning and Building Inspection Department. For his part, Schulte said, "If some of the homeowners want to inspect the property, I would be more than happy to have them do so.

Business Briefs

The group attempting to put together a proposed **Bank of Carmel Valley** has changed its strategy. **Peter Coakley,** one of the organizers, told the *Sun:* "We're no longer talking about putting a main branch at the mouth of the Valley and a branch in the Village. We're now focusing on creating a main branch at Mid Valley and a branch in the Village."

Coakley said the new strategy would put the proposed new bank in a location with the potential to attract 10,000-11,000 customers. He said his group had discussed using the old Crocker Bank building at Mid Valley. As for the Village, he said the group was exploring a branch that would have one or two tellers as well as ATM service to meet the everyday banking needs of most residents and businesses.

Asked how the overall organizing effort was progressing, Coakley said: "We're currently looking not just for investors, but also people with the resources, time and experience to put this together and then perhaps serve on the board."

Other principals in the organizing effort include **Roger Williams, Barney Belleci** and **Skip Marquard.**

Renovation work at **Los Laureles Lodge** has been underway since the first of the year. Now, with the project about at the halfway point, **General Manager Bob Tschupp** is expressing pleasure at how things are going. So far workmen have concentrated on what Tschupp calls "behind the scenes" stuff—such as a new cement foundation for the main lodge and a new tiled floor for its kitchen. The Lodge was built in 1890 with a wooden foundation "running right into the ground," making it easy prey for termites, Tschupp said.

Still to be completed is work on the guest rooms—a thorough cleaning, new carpet and drapes and renovated bathrooms. Rest assured though, Tschupp promised that the casual rustic charm which has made the lodge a favorite for so many years is the one thing that will be preserved as the place is spruced up.

The phrase "public servant" will take on a different meaning Friday, March 13, when area politicians will act as celebrity waiters at a benefit dinner for the **Monterey Chapter of the American Red Cross.**

Agreeing to serve their constituents—literally—at the dinner at the **Sardine Factory Restaurant** so far are **Rep. Leon Panetta, State Sen. Henry Mello,** and **Assemblymen Rusty Areias, Sam Farr** and **Eric Seastrand.** Joining them will be Superior Court Judge **William Wunderlich,** a member of the Red Cross Board. Tickets for the affair are $60 with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. For more information, telephone **Cindy Railing Henry** at 372-2259.

Chairman **Jerry Barton** of **Landmark Land Co.** confirms that he is looking for a partner to invest up to $650 million in his golf resorts and real estate developments, which includes **Carmel Valley Ranch Resort.**

A new source of capital is necessary because government rules growing out of the crisis in the savings and loan industry make it impossible for Landmark to continue to fund its developments through two S & Ls the company owns in Louisiana.

Although Landmark is looking to sell part interest in some properties, Barton told the *Sun*, "it's highly unlikely that we wouldn't continue to operate" Carmel Valley Ranch Resort.

Landmark, based in Carmel, owns 23 golf courses. And despite what Barton calls a worldwide golf boom, Landmark's properties are not generating enough cashflow yet to support them and permit the company to continue to undertake new developments.

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He's nowhere as big as a tiger, nor as small as your pussycat, nor does he sport the tiger's magnificent stripes, nor the leopard's spectacular spots. His scientific names is *lynx rufus*—we call him bobcat, probably for his ridiculously short tail.

He weighs no more than about 30 pounds, but don't let that fool you. The man who can "lick his weight in wildcats" hasn't been born. As naturalist Roger Caras says, "An angry, hissing, snarling wildcat is about as awe-inspiring a sight as there is in nature. He moves like a coiled spring, lashes out, rolls over, bringing his four heavily armed feet into play, and bites with a slashing, ripping movement."

You've probably never seen one, nor have I, but we have them, right here in Monterey County. They, understandably hate and fear us, and keep well out of our way.

Like most cats he is a solitary, sleeping during the day, hunting at night. He marks out his territory, and respects other cats' boundaries. When a mother cat has helpless kittens in her den she carefully marks, with little piles of feces, a smaller area, which is absolutely verboten to other cats, so that the food supply near her den shall not be encroached on. At all other times she buries her stools in typically fastidious cat fashion.

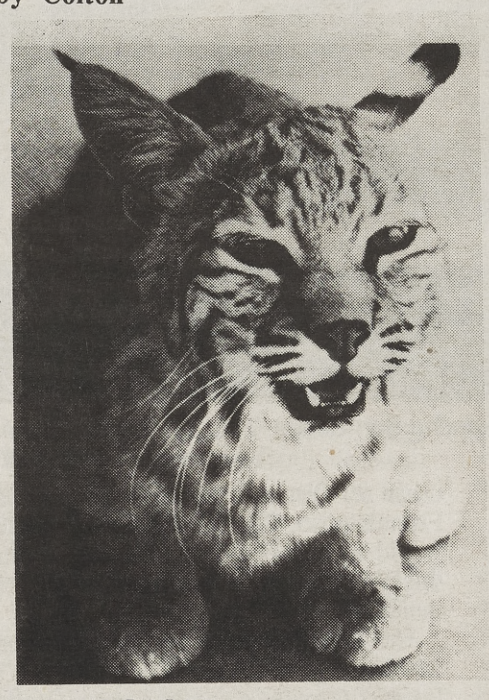
Bobcats mate in January or February, to the accompaniment, say naturalists who have heard it, of the most ear-splitting concert of hisses, screams and yowls.

The kittens, usually two or three, are born in April or May, and until the following fall their sustenance and care will exhaust every ounce of mother bobcat's strength and cleverness. Father, unlike coyotes and wolves, definitely does not share in the household duties.

This elegant little wild cat has a definite niche in nature's scheme of things. He, and she, is an important cog in the rodenticide department, charged with keeping the unruly populations of rabbits, rats, mice, gophers, et al, under control. Only when we humans eradicate his natural food supply (as we do, may God forgive us, with our poisons) does he cast a hungry eye on our henhouse.

So, how is he doing, species wise, this little American wildcat? Is he getting along okay, doing his stuff as God intended? Well, not really.

Ironically, he is the victim of the very concern for the great endangered cats of the world, which led to the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1969, which stopped the importation of the skins of the leopard, the cheetah, margay, jaguar, and ocelot. The consequence for the bobcat was a profitable (to the furriers) increase in the market value of bobcat pelts.



BOBCAT
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In 1951-52 California trappers got 90 cents, per bobcat pelt, for 239 skins; in 1976-77 California trappers sold 2,203 bobcat skins at an average price of $133. Additionally, about 10,000 bobcats were killed by hunters.

It's almost too obscene to put down here, but, in case you didn't know about trapping: if a coat takes 50 bobcat skins and each animal survives in a trap for three days before being clubbed or shot, that coat represents 3,600 hours of screaming agony before those little animals were put out of their misery.

An officer in our local Fish and Game office told me that Monterey County is among the top ten counties in the state in the harvesting of bobcats. I like that word, "harvesting." Are we talking about cabbages?

Paleontologist Richard Leakey, who is now in charge of stopping the poaching of elephants in Kenya, says his job includes convincing the entire human race that wearing, buying or selling ivory is a revolting crime. We might begin to think of wearing animal skins in the same way.

Local Vet Reports Frequent Cases

Urge Vaccination Against Cat Virus

Local veterinarians strongly urge cat owners to have their pets vaccinated against a deadly AIDS-like virus which may be more serious in the Village than other areas of Greater Carmel Valley.

"We see a lot of it," said Dr. Gerald Petkus, whose practice is in the Village, "maybe two or three cases a week. It's insidious."

Other area veterinarians agree with Dr. Petkus that the spread of feline leukemia is nationwide, but they do not report diagnosing it as often as he does.

Dr. George Bishop, whose practice is at the Crossroads at the mouth of the Valley, said he now sees less of the disease than he did earlier and attributes the decline to the use of increasingly effective vaccines.

Dr. Bishop did say he was aware of "hot spots" in the county where the disease was more common and cited Seaside as one of them. He also said Dr. Petkus probably encountered feline leukemia more often than he did because the Village is a more rural area with more stray and outdoor cats.

Dr. Alyce Wolford, whose practice is at mid Valley, said her experience was similar to Dr. Bishop's. She said she treated four or five cases a month, fewer than in the past mainly because of the effectiveness of the vaccine. "Most of the cats we see come from healthy homes," she said.

Feline leukemia is similar to AIDS in the ways it is transmitted and how it attacks an animal's immune system, making it susceptible to other diseases or injuries. The virus can exist in urine or feces and it can be spread by contact such as licking, sneezing or biting. It also can be passed on to kittens by their mother.

While leukemia is a cancer, a brochure put out by one vaccine manufacturer said "83 percent of the cats infected...will die within one to two years from a disease other than cancer."

All the veterinarians contact by the Sun as well as the Monterey County SPCA urged cat owners to have their pets tested and vaccinated against the virus.

Lisa Heffler of the SPCA said "we can't force people adopting a cat to have it tested and vaccinated, but we recommend it in the strongest way we can."

Dr. Petkus said he recommended that any new cat going into a household be tested and vaccinated. He said cats can be infected and not show any symptoms until their immune system is challenged by another disease or injury.

"If you have a number of cats in a household and bring in an infected cat, it will ultimately wipe them all out," he said.

Kittens are most susceptible to the virus because their immune systems haven't fully developed yet. In addition, kittens cannot undergo the blood test to detect feline leukemia until they are 8-10 weeks old, the veterinarians said, because they are so small and extracting blood from them is so difficult.

Sometimes kittens are adopted and taken to a new home before they are old enough to be tested, officials said, adding this makes it critical that free-roaming female cats either be spayed or vaccinated.

Dr. Bishop said immunization is effective in protecting most cats against the disease, but it requires an initial two-shot series of vaccinations and an annual booster. He said the vaccination should not be given unless a blood test shows the animal to be free of the disease.

"Giving the vaccine to an infected cat won't make the disease any worse," he said, "but it won't protect the cat, either, and the money and effort will be wasted."

Dr. Wolford said the highest incidence of feline leukemia is in male cats which fight, the virus being spread by bites. "That's another good reason for having male cats neutered," she said.

While female cats with the disease can pass it on to their kittens, she said it was not unusual for a cat with the virus to abort becasuse of the stress the pregnancy placed on them.

SPCA Classes on Environment

The SPCA of Monterey will hold three environmental education classes for children, aged 12-15, at the George Whittell Education Center on Highway 68 across from Laguna Seca Raceway.

The three-hour sessions will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10. Class size is restrictred to 15. There is no charge for members and a $15 fee for non-members. Call 373-2631 or 422-4721, Ext. 23.

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EIR Examines Rancho San Carlos Developme

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) ordered by the Board of Supervisors in 1987 concludes that the least intrusive housing development of 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos would be 125 cluster units and a 200-acre hotel, built as close as possible to such existing developments as Quail Lodge and Rancho Canada.

Release of the report comes barely a week after Pacific Union Co. of San Francisco closed escrow on its $70 million purchase of the huge ranch which stretches 10 miles across the mountainous slopes directly south of and parallel to Carmel Valley. The EIR has nothing to do with the purchase as it was ordered following an appeals court ruling in 1987 overturning the Board of Supervisors' attempts to restrict development on the land to 160 acres per unit.

In an exclusive interview with the *Sun* Feb. 6, Peter Stocker, a founder and chairman of Pacific Union, said his initial plans called for up to 360 residences, two golf courses, extensive equestrian facilities, and a 140-room conference center. His plans were based on the assumption that entry to the property would be via Rancho San Carlos Road, that Carmel Valley Road would be four-laned past that point, and that no construction could proceed until the Hatton Canyon Freeway or some other solution to Highway 1 traffic congestion was in place.

The Supplemental EIR, an update of one done in 1984 prior to the court fight, rated the environmental impact on the ranch from the standpoint of:

- No change in present use.
- Designation as Permanent Grazing which would allow only residential development that was clearly an accessory use to exclusive agricultural use.

HILLS OF OAK overlook a meadow in Rancho San Carlos. The view is from from Robinson Canyon Road. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall.*

- Rural Grazing which would permit one unit per 160 acres for a total of 125.
- 40 acres per unit for a total 500.
- 10 acres per unit for a total 2,000.
- A 200-400 room hotel and 5,000 square feet of commercial space.

"Almost any development on Rancho San Carlos would have some impact on the rural character and possibly the visual quality of the ranch," the EIR said. "The 40 and 10 acres per unit alternatives could significantly impact rural quality."

"The 10 and 40 acres per unit alternatives and the hotel/commercial alternative could be growth inducing," it added. "Development located on a portion of Rancho San Carlos that is discontiguous with existing development in Carmel Valley, such as San Francisquito Flat, would extend public services." .

"This would establish an outpost with urban services and the lands between San Francisquito Flat and Carmel Valley would become ripe for development. Thus, this development pattern would be growth-inducing."

The 208-page report suggested that any development be clustered at a site such as Potrero Canyon close to Carmel Valley rather than at the 1,400-foot San Francisquito Flat where the Arthur C. Oppenheimer estate is located, the only present development on the ranch.

Prepared by Planning Analysis & Development of San Francisco, the report is available at public libraries during a 45-day public review period ending April 9. This will be followed by public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

"The County should state a preference for development to be clustered and located contiguous to existing development in Carmel Valley to prevent leapfrog patterns of development and growth inducement," the EIR said.

Stressing any such development needed to be in line with existing plans, it suggested development either be sited within the boundaries of the Carmel Valley master Plan (CVMP) or that the CVMP boundaries be extended to include it. Development in Carmel Valley is restricted now to approximately 50 units per year.

"Development on Rancho San Carlos would bring traffic, noise and air pollution to Carmel Valley because of access conditions," the EIR added.

Addressing water supply, the EIR said that, based on available information including 1987 flow measurements of creeks on the ranch, "only the 160 acres per unit alternative being considered in this EIR is feasible."

"The amount of surface water realistically available for development on the San Carlos Ranch appears to be small," according to the report. "Construction of

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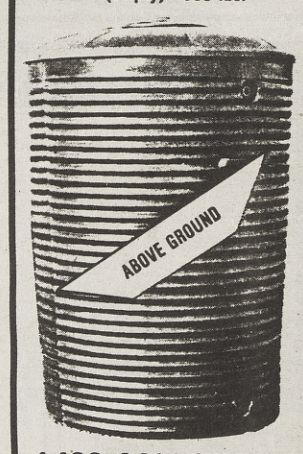

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sizable reservoirs on the ranch seems precluded by water rights or environmental considerations."

Many factors would have to be considered, including protection of steelhead habitat, the impact of any proposed reservoirs, the availability of wells, and probably water permits from both Cal-Am Water Co. and the Monterey Water Management District as the huge ranchland crosses many bureaucratic boundaries.

The phasing of any development should be coordinated with a road improvement program, according to the report, including widening Carmel Valley Road to four lanes.

The EIR listed a possible nine pending projects which also would impact Carmel Valley, including Quail Meadows, Carmel Valley Overview, Carmel Greens, Holt Ranch, Veeder Ranch, a nursing care facility and three contractors' service centers.

Another reason for siting any housing near existing development would be to achieve the least impact on wildlife habitat, the report recommended, adding: "Under no circumstances should unique and valuable resources be damaged or removed. Specifically, the eight major redwood groves, riparian zones and oak woodland should be preserved."

Existing fire protection and police services are adequate for the 160 acres per unit proposal but probably not for any larger development, the EIR said.

It recommended archaeological surveys to identify archaeologic cultural sites that then would need to be protected as a condition of project approval. Little archaeological study has been done of the ranch although it is believed to contain rich prehistoric resources and might include ethnographic or ethnohistoric components.

The EIR also discussed air quality, noise and local schools and thoroughly explored population trends and projects for the County, the Greater Monterey Peninsula Planning Area and Carmel Valley.

Some of the data used appears to be out of date. The EIR was ordered in 1987 to update an EIR originally prepared in 1984 to evaluate the Rancho San Carlos portion of the Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan (GMPAP).

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Report Finds Slowing Carmel Valley Growth

Growth is slowing in Carmel Valley, according to an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

"The entire purpose of the Carmel Valley Master Plan is to limit growth," said 5th District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. "I think it's good."

She and her colleagues on the board of supervisors heard a report by Joel Panzer of the Planning Department staff on Feb. 13. The annual report is required by the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

"Carmel Valley is unique in that it has the only master plan in the County that has a built-in protective mechanism requiring an annual report concerning land use," Mrs. Strasser Kauffman said.

In his report, Panzer said only 47 permits were issued for new construction in the Valley in 1989, compared to 103 in 1987 and 63 in 1988. He also said that only 60 new lots had been created last year through the subdivision process—57 of them for Quail Meadows.

Noting that the Carmel Valley Master Plan gives preference to legal lots of record over subdivided property, Strasser Kauffman told the Sun:

"If build-out occurs on legal lots of record during the next 10 years, instead of over the next 20 (the time limit established in the master plan), then it will affect or prevent the building of new subdivisions in Carmel Valley."

Referring to a report in a local daily newspaper, she said, "there is no way build-out can occur within the next five years. There are too many constraints written into the master plan."

Subdivision development, she added, actually is moving more slowly than permitted by the plan. At the same time, construction on lots of record has leveled off since 1987, when there was a "rush to build," she said.

In his report, Panzer said the master plan established 1,310 as the maximum number of new and existing lots to be built upon in Carmel Valley. He said 572 of those are buildable lots of record or units in Carmel Valley Ranch that are subject to a quota system. The remainder would have to be created by creating subdivisions.

The county monitors growth in Carmel Valley by checking on the issuance of building permits and the creation of new lots through the subbdivision process.

"If our monitoring mechanisms indicate that build-out is moving too rapidly, the county has the ability to say, 'wait a minute; let's take a look at this and if necessary revise the master plan,'" Mrs. Strasser Kauffman said.

Planning Dept. and Advisory Committees Still at Odds

The Lower Carmel Valley Advisory Committee has complained to Monterey County Planning Director Robert Slimmon that cutbacks in committee duties "threaten the effectiveness of the planning review process and call into question the reason for having advisory committees."

Faced with a shortage of 10 planners, Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis cut 19 types of projects formerly reviewed by the committees because, "We had to find some way to get the workload off the planners. The Advisory Committees add to the workload."

Ellis said salaries for planning positions range from $1,976 to $2,448 a month for a starting position to $2,788 to $3,454 for a senior planner. He said the department has "quite a pool of candidates" for the 10 positions and was in the process of interviewing them. Once hired, new planners also must go through a training period.

Allan Sandstrum, chair of the Lower Carmel Valley Committee, wrote Slimmon, "It is difficult for us to understand why shifting a number of current advisory committee responsibilities to the planning staff will ease a tight personnel situation at County level. Our committee does not experience a volunteer shortfall, and we are fully prepared and expect to continue to fulfill our role.

"We believe that this action threatens the integrity, direction and intent of the Carmel Valley Master Plan by removing many aspects of planning review from citizen oversight."

Most of the 17 advisory committees to the Planning Department have protested a reduction in their responsibilities which county officials claim add to the department's workload.

Tom Spivey, chair of the Del Monte Forest Advisory Committee, said his group wrote complaining that the public doesn't get a chance to speak its peace other than to the advisory committees.

"We haven't heard anything," Spivey said. "I don't think they've even thought about it much."

Walter Alsky, revolving chair of the Highlands-Bixby Committee, said about 100 signatures from local residents had been collected protesting the action and his group will also send a letter to the county.

Ellis told the *Sun* that the 19 items covered, "Are things that historically have not been an issue." They include review of small accessory structures such as guest houses, studios, garages to a maximum of 450 square feet; additions of 10 percent or less of existing floor area to a 1,000 square foot maxmium; and such items as hot tubs, spas, decks, fences and color changes.

As to complaints that the reduction of items to be reviewed by the committees will eliminate public comment, Ellis said, "People can still go to a planner or to the Planning Commission if they want to comment."

However, committee members point out that hours when the public can talk directly to a planner have been cut to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Planning Commission meets only in Salinas.

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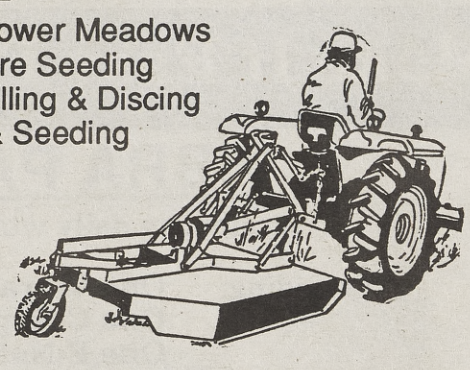

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LOGGING COMPUTER TIME are Tularcitos School Students of the month. Seated is Geoff Dietrich. Standing, from left, are Jaimi Smyth, Erik Brinsmead, Rebekah Green, Carli Livesey and Darien Kiing.

Sun photo by John Anderson

1st Semester Carmel HS Honor Roll Released

The Carmel High School honor roll for the fall semester: (* indicates 4.0 Grade Point Average, or GPA.

Seniors 4.0—3.75 GPA

*Jennifer Carey, *Miguelin Dominguez, *Matthew Fabry, *Tom Hawkins, *Hilary Humphrey, *Jennifer Kibby, *Adam Stiles, Rosie Brown, Mariah Derr, Chase Johnston, Brandy Lierman, Sarretta Coomes, Eva Katsari, Peter Komposch, Cindy Shay, Benno Weiner, John Barrett, Keira Schaurer, Brian Christiansen, Erica Kylander-Clark, Bret Nicholson, Jason Stephens and Karen Strutynski.

Seniors 3.75-3.50 GPA

Patrick Hughes, Lars Lindgren, Ty Brooks, Micaela Byrne, Duncan Gott, William Stott, Cambria Cleary, Hans Hess, Emily Rubin, Delwyn Stocker, Blake Jackson, Jennifer Johnson, Marty Plummer, Heather Scrivner, Margaret Snow, W. Christian Hill, Jenny Bourquin, Pearl Bryan, Jennifer Carr, Chris Cowles, Graham Evans, Mona Johnson, Elizabeth King, Chanda Kreps, Devin Meheen and Annabelle Webb.

Seniors 3.49-3.0 GPA

Tiffany Skiles, Kimberly Hirsch, Katie Mayers, Gregory Migdale, Erin Nolan, David Elsberry, Chris Menkal, Josh Randall, Bliss Simon, Abe Stallcup, Michael Bullas, Vicki Harrison, Alysia Ogden, Kristen Griffon, Augustine Acuna, Alexander Kraft, Garrett Morriss, Shannon Berge, Kathy Cain, Christopher Cayce, Jessica Poyner, Mark Slover, Shelly Serrano, Robbie Takigawa, Anna Allaire, Matthew Arana, Stephen Beals, Wendy Brutsche, Brooks Cathey, Molly Franklin, Xochitl Mayorga, Ana Miranda, Dana Petrocelli, Leslie Sincoff, Aram Stoney, Russell Walton and James Witherell.

Juniors 4.0-3.75 GPA

*Jennifer Dyer, *Forrest Melton, *Robyn Millan, *Jacquie Morris, *Denise Nishiguchi, *Basil Pappas, *JoEllen Van Zander, Heather Andrews, Chris Cornelissen, Julie Pak, Amy Parravano, Amy Miniaci, Amy Watts; and Veronica Schumacher.

Juniors 3.74-3.5 GPA

Scott Mills, Derek Moulaison, Patrick Sheedy, Jason Thomas, Sanford Owings, Steve Watts, Jennifer Powers, Miroslaw Kozicki, Tracy Kurtz, Anna Stene, Grant Heinrich, Kan Kurz and Tricia Miller.

Juniors 3.49-3.0 GPA

Selene Ogden, Stephanie Travaille, Sharon Updyke, Kirsten Woolley, Suzanne Baker, Shawn Knight, Lance Scott, Trent Teti, Karen Migdale, Keri Cook, Jeremy Belisario, Cody West, Kelley Allen, Laura Covell, Andrew Ricciardi, Pam Rice, William Rose, Brendan McNamara, Kim Warmington, Gen Terui, Katharine Daniels, Amy Tarantino, Tulio Hochkoeppler, Alexandra Daniels, Aaron Bliesner, Melanie Cordan, Jason Crist, Ericka Evans, George Macaluso, Jonathan Shoemaker and Daniel Williams.

Sophomores 4.0-3.75 GPA

*Chris Bolton, *Christopher Cannon, *Jenni Carpenter, *Nathan Chow, *Cristin Clack, *Vanessa Gulla, *Natsuko Ishihara, *John Pak, *David Palshaw, *Leilani Seltzer, *Sean Woolley, Amy Gray, David Beerman, Jason Derr, Christopher DiMaggio, Brian Kingsley, Zachary Joseph and Octavia Jolley.

Sophomores 3.74-3.5 GPA

Chad Christensen, Matthew Connelly, Daniel Gonzales, Dominic Petrocelli, Allison Strickland, Timothy Wiesner, Andrew Kylander-Clark, Patrick Ryan, Jennifer Cowles, Heather Walch, William Allen, Eitan Biblarz, Kristin Covell, Damian Griss, Yvonne Leavitt and Alyson Tetz.

Sophomores 3.49-3.0 GPA

Elliot Maiorana, Marni Marasco, Jimmee Zhuang, Alex Fremier, Tiffani Meheen, Jennifer Nagai, Jenni O'Connor, Erica Lynn Murray, Alexander Stott, Katherine Winslow, Michelle D'Aquanno, Michelle Bleck, Peterson Conway, Ada Long, Jennifer Oldenburg, Chiara Ramirez, Matthew Sagen, Nathaniel Thompson, Andrew Wilson, Sara Wise, Todd Brockman, Joelle Colliard, Andrea Greco, Loren Moore, Karena Shannon, Helen Vach and Loi Yu.

Freshmen 4.0-3.75 GPA

*Robert Allaire, *Tamara Elkins, *Lauren Humiston, *Jason Lindgren, *Ranon Masliyah, *Nikki Rowan, *Rachel White, Tim Lewis, Erin Kraft, Wendy Sue Perkins, Jackson Reese, Matthew Travaille and Janell Petalver.

Freshmen 3.74-3.5 GPA

Amy Allard, Guy Barlow, Adam Conway, Jennifer Kleinberg, Chris Knight, Stephanie Krasnow, Cho Prasert, Nate Stiles, Amy Snay, Sarah Freitas, Amber Hansman, Kimberly Kurz, Stephen Mills, Christopher Morgan, Bret Morton, Michelle Varia, Lindsay Webb and Kashi Yturralde.

Freshmen 3.49-3.0 GPA

Rodrio Sanchez, Peter Briant, Mary Feisthamel, John Hawkins, Sarah Kukuruza, Thad Nicholson, Kristi Reimers, Leilani Santa Maria, Erin Scholl, Jon Tedrow, Jaminia Aldrich. Clover Bradford. Kelli Cavlor, Michael Davidson, Hilary Ebright, Mark Garza, Robert Kirchenbauer, Joshua MacRae, Sara McPhee, Matthew Millan, Stafford Northcote, Rebecca Smith, Christopher Tarnas, Ben Fahrer, Lance Thompson, Suzanne Campbell, Holly Chiappe, Shelly Daniels, Karina Eikenberry, Mia Freedman, Jacquelyn Goetz, Cali Gudgeon-Buich, Mike Levine, David Oreol, Maria Perez, Jason Sherman, Noah Sherman, Leticia Silva, Ryan Sullivan and Joshua Weiner.

Tularcitos Students Of Month Named

Students of the month at Tularcitos School:

Mr. Monnes' Class

Eric Brinsmead, Taylor Newman, Jacob Saxton, Joy Hopkins-Black, Sandra Perez, Lorna McDaniel, Eric Stapleton, Melissa Valdez, Konrad Kozsicki, John Pfeiffer, Maia Entropo and Myka Boreen.

Mr. Behan's Class

Sage Scherman, Heidi Coughlin, Rebekah Green, Gabrielle James, Sierra Burnett, Nathan Dietrich, Lauren Greenberg, Elisabeth Kohnke, Marlo Milligan, Kasey Kucher, Patrick LaGoy, Mitchell Sanchez, Nichole McBride and Joshua Morris.

Mrs. Armstrong's Class

Clint Bigham, Jade Davis, Harmony Drew, Jasmine Bradley, Geoff Dietrich, Arwen Eversz, Christa Querfurth, Erin Miller, Kinsey Pascoe and Adam Mayfield.

Miss Simmons' Class

April Allard, Lee Duearte, Carrie Grimes, Kim Cresap, Michelle Forsyth, Hillary Hollingsworth, Walt Groves, Colby Lawn, Darien King, Solera Smith-Thomas and Sarah Maiorana.

Mr. Smith's Class

Alissa Bertsch, Alisa Bradley, Jami Smythe, Josh Campbell, Jennifer Waddell, Hernan Cardenas, Nick Leonoff, Jeff Harris and Michael McAnaney.

Mrs. Radowicz's Class

Sierra Calloway, Courtney Cresap, Chase Mahoney, Carli Livesey, Jessica Rial, Frank Ringer, Kristine Tate, Chris Little, Jack Wray, Bernadette Chiappe, April Zoebel and Justin Otis.

Carmel High School Boosters Sale March 3

The Carmel High School Athletic Boosters' Club is sponsoring their second annual "Never Too Old Sale" at the Carmel High School Gymnasium March 3.

The sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will include "treasures" from attics, closets, basements and garages. The Boosters' Club raises money to buy uniforms and equipment and thus far this year has helped girls' and boys' basketball, baseball, softball, football, field hockey, soccer, tennis, volleyball and water polo. Anyone wishing to donate items, call 624-4987.

Gymnastics Training Center Offers Tumbling Classes

The Rising Star Gymnastics Training Center will offer tumbling classes at the Carmel Valley Youth Center Feb. 24-March 31 for children from 3-1/2 years to 5th graders.

The six-week program is for both beginning and intermediate level students and is designed to teach basic tumbling skills. Each child is given individual attention. The cost is $35 for the session. Pre-registration is required. Call 624-4002.

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Native Plants for Your Garden

By Marjorie Schmidt

Annuals for Summer Bloom

Clarkias and godetias are among our outstanding summer blooming annuals, and both are now included in the genus *Clarkia*. In California we have 31 species in the genus, eight true clarkias which have slashed and lobed flowers, and 23 species of godetias, flowers with open cup-shaped flowers. Godetias and clarkias which have large and colorful flowers ranging from soft shades of lavender, pink, rose, purple and occasionally white. In the wild, they are found in the foothills of the Coast Ranges and the Sierra Nevada, forming lovely swatches of bright color through July.

Godetia *(Clarkia amoena)* has several colorful nicknames, including summer's darling and herald-of-summer. It is well known for its cup-shaped flowers of lavender or pink highlighted with a circular red blotch at the center of each petal. It is a branched plant with erect flower buds, and is 1 to 2 feet in height. Leaves are lanceolate, of medium green. Seed is generously borne in long narrow capsules.

Care in the garden. As an annual plant, godetia requires very little care. You can rake godetia seed into prepared soil, cover lightly and water until the rains begin. Or you may plant in containers, shifting the seedlings to fiber pots which can be set out when the plants are 4 to 6 inches high. This plant requires sun, and moderate amounts of water until seed is set. Godetia will self-sow if you allow it: or you can collect the drying capsules and store the seed in a dry, airtight container.

Uses and companions. Godetias are frequently included in wildflower seed mixtures and may be used in open sunny situations. They will flower at the end of spring, after many other annuals have dried. However, godetias are lovely grown individually and used in sunny flower borders in a mixture of other wild and cultivated plants.

Several plants that make pleasing combinations with godetia are the pastel summer phlox *(Phlox paniculata)*, the dark blue phacelia *(Phacelia parryi)*, or the powder-blue gilia *(Gilia captitata)*. It also blends well with the pouchy pink flowers of the tall *Penstemon palmeri*, although this plant is hard to find.

Related species. Red ribbons *(Clarkia concinna)*, one of the true clarkias, is one of the most brilliant of our annuals, rose-purple flowers from drooping red buds. The petals, narrow at the base and broad at the tips, are slashed into three rounded lobes. Plants may be low and have a single stem, or taller and branched. As a woodland plant it may be used in the shade border with moderate amounts of water.

Availability. Godetia, and its relatives, the clarkias, are often found in wildflower seed mixtures available very widely in horticulture. You can collect the seed from maturing plants in your own garden if you wish to grow masses of godetia the next year. Or you can purchase packets of godetia at California Native Plant Society plant sales, from native plant nurseries, or from seed companies.

Marjorie Schmidt, a well known native plant gardener, is the author of "Growing Native Plants" (University of California Press 1980). For reprints of this article, information on sources of native plant materials, or on membership in the California Native Plant Society, write to CNPS, 909 12th St., Suite 116, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 447-CNPS. For local information, 659-2528.

Forest Theater Guild Chooses Officers

Carmel's Forest Theater Guild has elected a new board of governors for the 1990 season which opens in June with a performance of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night."

The new officers are: Chairman Hamish Tyler, President Peter Newman, Vice President Cole Weston, Secretary Victoria Lyons and Treasurer James E. Stiles.

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MONTBRETIA *(Crocosmia Masoniorum)* This native of South Africa likes the Monterey Coast so well that it grows as though native in Carmel Highlands. Bright green leaves grow 2-1/2 feet long, 2 inches wide. Flowers are flaming orange to orange scarlet, 1-1/2 inches across, in dense, one-sided clusters on 2-1/2-3 feet stems. Buds open slowly from base to tip of clusters and old flowers drop cleanly. Foliage dies back in the dry months. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall.*

Tropical Rain Forest Program at Aquarium

The Monterey Bay Aquarium will hold a day long symposium Feb. 24 on the importance of tropical rain forests and threats facing the critical habitat at the Santa Catalina School in Monterey.

Workshops will be conducted by representatives from Stanford University, Marine World-Africa USA, the Earth Club at Santa Catalina School, the Rain Forest Action Network and Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

Featured speakers include Hilgard O'Reilly Sternberg of UC-Berkeley, Jean Langenheim of UC-Santa Cruz and Laura Marsh of the Tropical Rain Forest Education Project. Reservations are required. *Call 648-4850, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.*

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CV Mutual Election May Show No-Sale Sentiment

Ralph Bird and Daniel Brown were elected to three-year terms on the Carmel Valley Mutual Water Co. board of directors, seemingly indicating growing sentiment against selling the company to Cal Am.

Bird and Brown defeated candidates who were seen as more eager than they are to complete the sale of the mutual. Their election and other actions taken at the company's recent annual meeting indicated that more owner-members may now be leaning toward keeping the water company private.

Members passed a resolution limiting the amount the company can spend on drafting a potential sales contract. They also voted to have any such contract be brought back to the entire membership for a vote and changed the company's bylaws to require a majority of the total membership to vote for the sale of the company before it can become final.

The question of whether to sell the mutual split the membership almost equally last summer. The company, which has never had to go to rationing in the drought, has about 365 owner-members. It serves Hidden Hills, Bay Ridge and other areas overlooking the Highway 68 corridor just west of Los Laureles Grade.

Junior League Scholarships For County Women Announced

The Junior League of Monterey County announced it will give two $1,500 scholarships this spring to women from the County who are re-entering or continuing their education at a college or vocational school. Applications may be obtained by telephoning 375-5356 and are due by March 16.

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Cakes By Alessandro Expands

Peter and Monica Thom, owners of Cakes by Alessandro at Mid Valley Shopping Center, have completed a renovation which expands their store by about one-third.

They have added chairs and tables inside the shop so customers can enjoy an expanded line of pastries, and they are now offering ice cream and milk shakes as well.

Peter and Monica have operated Alessandro for a year at Mid Valley, and they invite all their friends to stop in and see their expanded store.

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Out and About

By Stan Hall

Sammy has been gone for nearly a month now. But I still find myself looking in the house to see where he is sleeping. And when I'm out in the yard, I keep thinking I hear the rattle of his tags on his collar.

Sam was 11. We had had him since the day he turned six-weeks-old—just old enough to take home from his mother. My wife held him in her lap all the way home from the kennel to keep him from crying.

When he was a baby, he looked like a little bear. He was brown and fuzzy and soft. He matured into a magnificent German Shepherd, with all the strengths of the breed—loyalty, intelligence, strength and—yes, despite the stereotype— gentleness.

IN HIS PRIME he weighed 110 pounds. Born to run, he would stretch his neck and tail out flat like a horse and run circles around the yard just for the joy of it.

When he was in the house, he only barked when it was appropriate, but when he did, it was with authority that literally caused the windows to rattle. Anybody with burglary on their mind would be a fool to test a house where there was a dog with a bark like that.

Some people, meeting Sam for the first time and having even the most honorable of intentions, were afraid of him simply because of his size. He could jump up, put his paws on my shoulders and look me straight in the eye—six-foot-three to six-foot-three.

His ears were probably too big for Sam to ever have been a show dog; but we didn't choose him for that, anyway. He also had a long, bushy tail that made us joke that maybe he was part raccoon.

Like every Shepherd I've ever known, Sam enjoyed his toys. He had a red squeeky that looked something like a sea urchin that he must have had for 10 years. He much preferred it to a new hamburger squeeky that we bought for him not too long ago.

SAM WAS THE THIRD German Shepherd we've owned, going back almost 30 years, and he was the second we've had to have put to sleep. You know intellectually when you have to do it that you're doing the right thing, but emotionally, it's like giving up a member of your family.When we finally made the decision, my wife said through her tears, "I don't think I could have another dog right now."

In the end, Sam couldn't get around. He had a nerve disease that increasingly rendered his back legs and hindquarters useless. The muscles atrophied, and he shrunk before our eyes. In the end, you had to lift him up the steps and into the car. Finally, he got so bad that he was tearing all the skin off the top of his rear paws because he was dragging them so badly when he tried to walk. I went to a pet store and bought some rubber boots designed for hunting dogs that protected them from further injury for a while.

But I knew I was just buying days, not a long term extension on a most agreeable contract between man and his best friend.

SAM, one of man's best friends.

MY EYES STILL well up with tears when I try to write or talk about Sam. But for 11 years, he really was the best friend anybody could want. Thinking of that, I remembered that we had a copy of the speech that put the phrase "man's best friend" into the language.

I thought it would be appropriate to reprint it in Sam's memory and for all the other best friends that people unconsciously look for and listen for long after they're gone.

The speech was delivered in a Missouri courtroom in 1870 by a lawyer named George Graham Vest, a former member of the Confederate Congress who went on to become a member of the U. S. Senate. For a fee of $10, he summarized the case of a farmer whose dog had been shot by a neighbor. Afterwards, with many of the jurors crying, the farmer was awarded ten times the damages he had sought.

WITHOUT NOTES OR SCRIPT, here is what Vest had to say to the jury:

"The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us—those whom we trust with our happiness and good name—may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most.

"A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stones of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our head.

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world—one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous—is his dog.

"A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintery winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only to be near his master's side.

"He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying to guard him against danger, to fight his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes his master in his embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the gravesite will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death."

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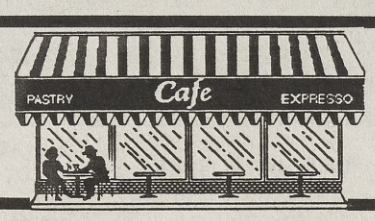

Rio Grill

Before moving to California, we used to visit here often, particularly during the cold, dark winters in the Midwest. Stepping off the plane at Monterey Peninsula Airport under blue sky, bright sun and a balmy 62 degrees was like shedding a great weight—the weight of winter left behind for a few days. To complete the abrupt transition, we invariably headed straight for The Rio Grill.

I have given a great deal of thought to Rio's appeal over the past several years. Coming from an area where a good restaurant was so rare you tended to wear them out once you found one, we feared we might do the same to Rio. But the appeal is as strong as ever and Rio competes with a great many excellent restaurants on the peninsula.

A lot has to do with the ambiance. Waiting in the bar is fun. The walls are decorated in a helter-skelter fashion with comic-strip cartoons of local celebrities such as "Mayor Clint," Doris Day, Allan Funt and Paul Anka.

The menu is creative: no set meals here; no order; it's all a la carte so you can be really indulgent and eat precisely what you want not what you are supposed to eat or have been raised to eat. If you crave the Caesar Salad with artichokes and aged goat cheese on crisp Salinas romaine lettuce, followed by succulent deep-fried calamari with spicy, housemade tartar sauce, and rich lentil soup for dessert, why go right ahead.

Or, start with creme brulee served in most unusual fashion with tart creme fraiche, and follow with an equally different grilled eggplant and red pepper sandwich on an onion roll.

Adding to the whimsy are Rio's paper tablecloths set with salt and pepper and crayons so you can carry your childhood fantasies a little further and draw some of your own cartoons *right on the tablecloth!* For inspiration there is a painting on the wall of Mickey Mouse playing the piano.

Yet, it is a very sophisticated restaurant with an elan that draws people like a magnet. So many peninsula visitors head for Rio that co-owner-manager Tony Talbert will stand on his head to squeeze you in if he knows you are a local patron, loyal long after the tourists have gone home.

On a recent busy Sunday, I ordered the day's starter of delicately sauted crabcakes with a sherry cayenne mayonnaise. My Friend had the pasilla pepper, roasted in olive oil and oozing its delicious stuffing of three cheeses.

Torn between the brunch menu— with chili hash of smoked beef, red potatoes, ancho, anaheim and sweet peppers with poached eggs or a pecan wholewheat waffle with apple-smoked bacon, orange poached pears and maple syrup—and the regular items we favor posed quite a dilemma that could only be solved over a Ramos Fizz.

My Friend had a smoked turkey and watercress sandwich with a red pepper salsa and coleslaw. I decided on the lingcod with pineapple-papaya-jicama salsa, a typical California dish if I ever had one.

RIO GRILL, with its Southwestern decor. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Still, we must recommend such favorites as the skirt steak with sesame oil, soy sauce and ginger marinade served on grilled bread to catch all the tasty juices and the Chinese chicken salad which resembles Chinese food only insofar as it is dressed with sesame oil and topped with dried rice noodles.

Holding the anchor position at Crossroads Shopping Center certainly must contribute to Rio's success but I am more inclined to credit the creativity of the original owners and the consistency of management under Talbert's energetic care.

The Rio Grill, Crossroads. 625-5436.

Mustards Grill

Walking into Mustards on a busy Friday night during a weekend in Napa was very deja vu until we realized it was owned by Cindy Polcywn, one of the original chefs at Rio Grill back home in Carmel.

Even the menu is almost precisely the same in format with a few different dishes reflecting, perhaps, the slight change in availability of certain items. For example, instead of calamari, there was a deep fried white bait starter served on a large bed of crisp, deep fried parsley with a sherry-cayenne aoili. Biting into fried parsley is like snapping at air and the taste is almost as elusive.

Mustards has the same busy bar, the same blackboard with the day's specials, the same young, large staff of waiters and waitresses as Rio. An open kitchen does change the atmosphere to a bustling dining room in comparison with the marginally more sedate Rio.

The decor provides a subtle difference as well. Instead of Rio's sunny pueblo setting with pots of live cactus, wood cactus sculptures and even a ceramic cactus, Mustards feels more like the north with a black and white tile floor, dark wood moldings, French doors and an old fashioned pub aura.

A similar crowd of with-it people seemed willing to wait through at least one drink at the long, high bar for a table; the same affable, prompt service welcomed you once you did get a table.

A speciality here is the Mongolian pork chop with hot sweet mustard which I ordered after

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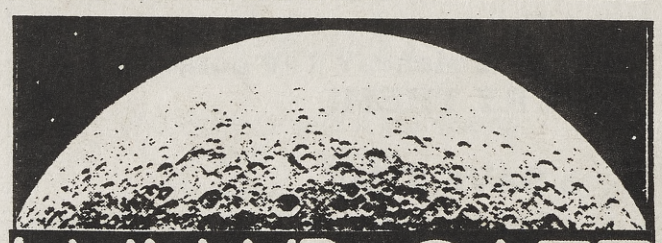

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On Astronomy

Sun to Feature the Stars In New Monthly Column

A chart of the stars and a column on what to look for in the nighttime sky over Carmel Valley and the Monterey Peninsula will be featured in the *Sun* once a month starting March 7, co-publisher Isabelle Hall announced.

Dr. Ana Torres-Dodgen, the Luis Alvarez Research Fellow at the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA), will write the column and explain the chart.

"I think we are very fortunate to have MIRA cooperating with us in this exciting venture into astronomy," Mrs. Hall said. The new column, "The Nighttime Sky" will be published in the first edition of the *Sun* each month.

"We live in an area where the sky is often brilliantly clear for spectacular viewing of the stars and planets," Mrs. Hall said. "As an amateur skywatcher I want to know what I should be looking for during the different seasons of the year. I believe many of our readers also would like to have this information."

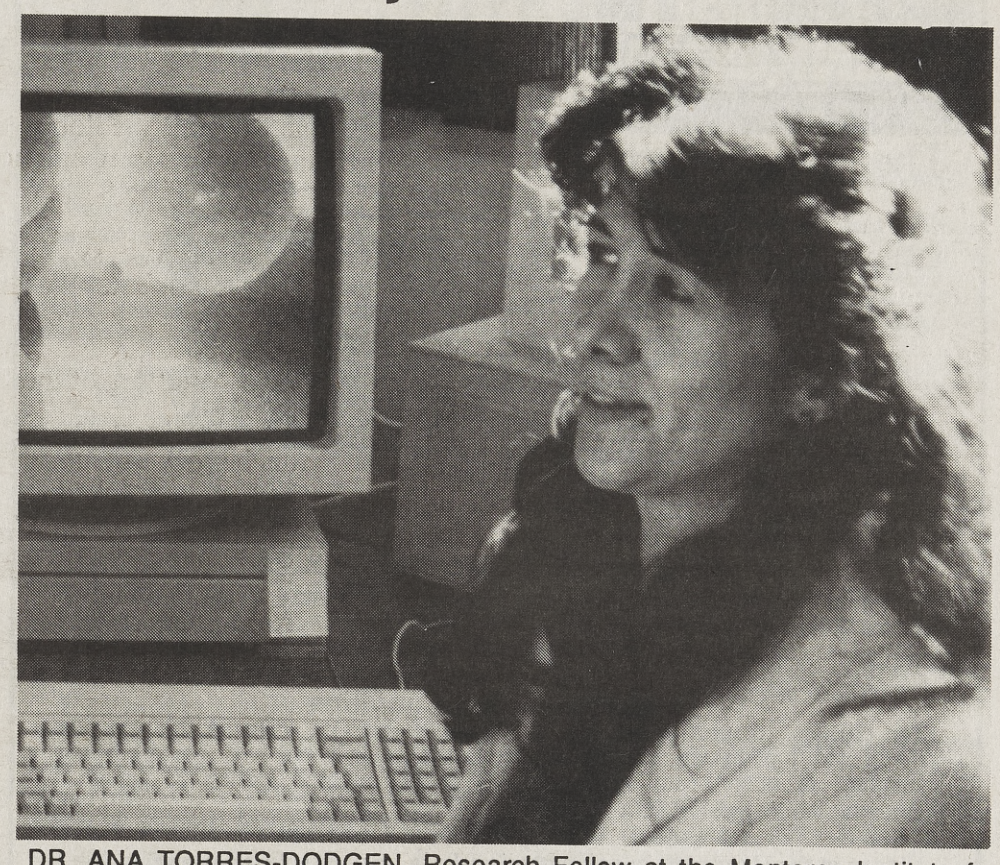
A native of Mexico, Dr. Torres-Dodgen is a graduate of the University of Colorado. She obtained her doctorate at NASA's Goddard Research Center in Maryland and was appointed to a 3-year research fellowship at MIRA last January. Her graduate work was done in hot and massive stars, stars which are brighter than the sun though much farther away from earth.

Her work at MIRA involves classifying stars in the near infra-red part of the spectrum, Dr. Torres-Dodgen told the *Sun*.

The institute's Oliver Observing Station is at Chew's Ridge in Cachagua which Dr. Torres-Dodgen said is "one of the best sites for doing astronomy. The air flows near the ocean make the atmosphere stable and very clear, at least at the observatory."

At the observatory a 36-inch telescope, instrumentation, and observatory building with an unusual sliding roof combine to permit the rapid acquisition of high quality data. The institute is one of very few independent observatories in the U.S. Founded in 1972, it has earned international recognition for linking non-scientists with astronomers in projects that expand our knowledge of the universe.

Begun by a pioneering group of professional astronomers from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, MIRA is uniquely self-supporting. It is a non-profit organization funded by gifts and contributions through Friends of MIRA. It is located at 900 Major Sherman Lane, Monterey, CA 93940.



DR. ANA TORRES-DODGEN, Research Fellow at the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA), will write "The Nighttime Sky," a column and chart for watching the stars which will debut in the *Sun* March 7. *Photo courtesy MIRA.*

Let's Eat Out *Continued from previous page*

learning that the osso bucco had sold out. The restaurant's signature mustard was just the right taste to perk up the juicy pork chop but I couldn't help watching my neighbor enjoy his osso bucco.

MF had a half slab of barbecued baby back ribs, virtually identical to Rio's, and served with a colorful array of the currently popular tiny vegetables. Specialities that night included salmon with chervil and walnut vinaigrette and mahi-mahi with mint basil butter.

Chocolate Pecan Cake with chocolate sauce was suitably decadent while the apple brioche pudding with lemon sauce proved to be a nice contrast.

Mustards Grill, Yountville, CA. 707-944-2424.

Water District Requires Retrofits

Transactions on improved properties within the boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District are subject to amended toilet retrofit regulations as of today, Feb. 21.

All housing and commercial properties will be required to have installed prior to change of ownership or change of use, toilets that use a maximum of 1.6 gallons of water per flush, advises Sheryl McKenzie, government affairs director for the Monterey-Carmel Board of Realtors. Transactions in process will not be subject to the amended regulations even if they close after Feb. 21.

Remodels or additions that add any bathrooms and/or increase floor area of existing structures by 25 percent or more of the existing floor area, are required to retrofit the entire facility, Ms. McKenzie advises.

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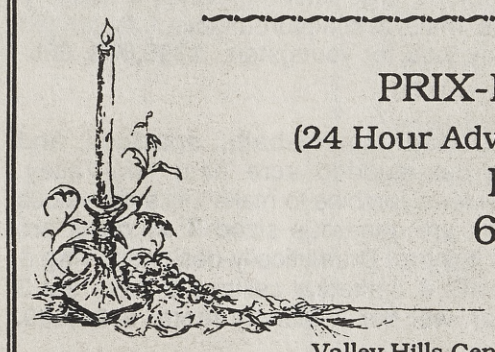

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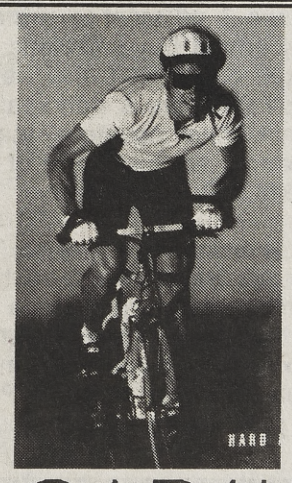

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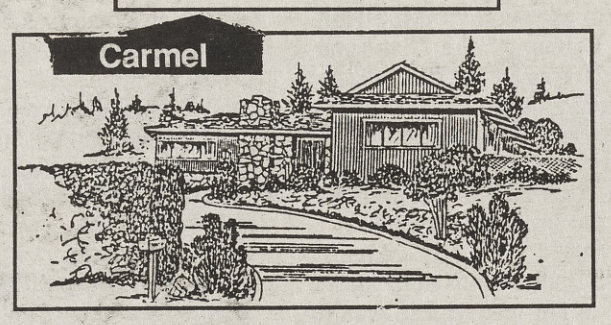

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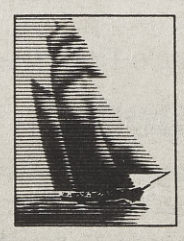

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Real Estate Outlook

Back to the Future

By Bert Aronson, Co-owner
RE/MAX Monterey Peninsula

When the Carmel Valley *Sun* asked me to write a column, I was both flattered and enthusiastic. My first thoughts were to discuss local real estate market activity and statistics.

However, after further consideration, I felt this was a wonderful opportunity to share my professional view of the coming decade in real estate on our beautiful peninsula and adjacent valley rather than dwelling on events of the past. After all, I can remember when you could find a small cottage in Carmel for under $50,000.

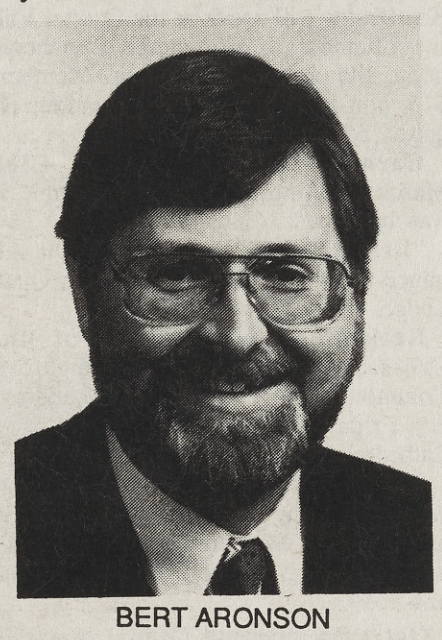
Most of us are aware of the forces of supply and demand and how they affect prices. Some have suggested we are in for a major downturn in real estate values as the baby boom population ages and demand diminishes. Others fear the effects of traumatic events such as the Oct. 17, 1989 earthquake or the closure of Fort Ord.

It is my belief, just the opposite will occur and we will experience significant increases in the value of real estate on the Monterey Peninsula into the next century.

First let us consider demand.

Personal savings among baby boomers is on the increase. During the last three years this group has increased its savings rate from 1.5% to 6% of income. If this trend continues, there will be more dollars available for investment and downward pressure on interest rates.

Further, the much discussed Social Security Fund will continue to swell with no



BERT ARONSON

significant drain expected to occur until 2015. This will have the same effect of putting downward pressure on interest rates.

Also, our federal government is finally serious about reducing spending levels and really balancing the federal budget. This will reduce competition by our government for these excess dollars.

As interest rates drop, housing becomes more affordable as more buyers are qualified for loans. I know this will date me, but the prevailing interest rate when I bought my first home was 4%

I'm not suggesting we will see 30-year loans at 4% interest again, but rates are going to drop significantly.

Now for the supply side of our equation.

We live in an anti-growth environment. The supply of single family dwellings in our area is relatively static. We have resisted improved highways and we are well aware an adequate supply of water does not exist to permit increased usage.

Even our very admirable conservation efforts to offset recent drought periods will not provide an adequate supply of water for continued growth. With all the red tape required, despite our efforts, we can anticipate it may take another 10 years before we have a new dam up and operating.

Thus, as we enter the '90s, I anticipate increased demand on a relatively static supply of home and we should experience the continued upward spiral of prices in our area.

To paraphrase Truman Capote, "Life is what happens to you while you are busy making plans." Those who don't get on the rumba line may soon be lamenting, "I can remember when you could find a small cottage in Carmel for under $500,000."

Home Sales

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder through Feb. 6. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

Lower Carmel Valley

8032 POPLAR LANE. Max and Ruth Landphree to Alfred and Betty T. Yager. $553,000.

4000 RIO ROAD. Gerald Peterson to Genevieve Peterson. $209,000.

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VALLEY GREENS CIRCLE. First Exchange Corp. to Stanley R. Smith. $937,000.

25095 PINE HILLS DRIVE. Grace A. Woltz to William J. and Elisabeth T. Burkhardt. $645,000.

245 HACIENDA CARMEL. Stephanie A. Kirz to Dorothy S. Mullen. $175,000.

99 HACIENDA CARMEL. Lynnea L. Payne to Bonnie C. Stevens, H. D. and Georgella Sortwell and Fred N. Sortwell. $110,000.

7071 VALLEY GREENS DRIVE. Doriss Living Trust to Patrick M. and Pauline M. Grimes. $500,000.

6 DEL MESA CARMEL. Dorothy K. Bowman to Marilyn C. Tully and Rose S. Tully. $200,000.

58 DEL MESA CARMEL. Florence H. Larsen to Elizabeth B. Hanson. $234,000.

Upper Carmel Valley

10 WOODSIDE PLACE. William S. III and Joan P. Richards to Ben J. and Norma Patricio. $288,750.

31 LILAC LANE. Ralph P. and Catherine A. Scholink to John A. and Jeanette S. Hughes. $285,000.

21 LA RANCHERIA. Robert J. and Delfina M. Sierra to Terry A. and Louise R. Bishop. $100,000.

STORY ROAD. Western American Exchange Corp. to Gary M. and Sonni Kelley. $270,000.

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South Coast

2 MT. DEVON ROAD. Warren Family Investment Partnership to Linda S. Smith. $725,000.

Greater Carmel

24775 VALLEY WAY ROAD. Mark and Ava Hyles to First Exchange Corp. $435,000

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2900 FRANCISCAN WAY. Betty S. Collins, Gerald E. and Arthur R. Collins, Jr., to Carl, Jr., and Jean Anne Livingston. $1,560,000

DOLORES STREET. Donna H. Smith to Carmel-by-the-Sea Improvement Authority. (Land) $1,750,000.

2550 SANTA LUCIA AVENUE. Exchange Advantage Services to Maurice J. Jr., and Lee E. Ryan. $1,200,000.

3645 RIO ROAD. Eagle Development Corp., to William D. Bonham. $625,000.

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MORE LETTERS

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Wilkerson's side further contradicts itself in the published assertions of an editor of a California postal publication which agrees with us that the Carmel Post Office was located in Carmel Valley in 1893, but ironically concludes that the omission of any notice in an esoteric postal publication of that time mentioning *any* Carmel P.O. in 1889 proves that it never commenced operation anywhere, despite notations to the effect that it was "discontinued" when the postmaster neglected to file periodic reports.

Mr. Wilkerson and his publisher friend, regardless of their differences, obviously couldn't imagine that the "Daily Postal Bulletin" depended on the filed reports of postmasters for its listings, and since Antonio Nunes neglected to file his reports--leading to the Carmel P.O.'s closure in 1890--the "Daily Postal Bulletin" had no information about the Carmel P.O.'s existence. This and many other historical inaccuracies in Mr. Wilkerson's article and letter suggest that Barbara Marks and others who have impugned my personal integrity, as well as the accuracy of my published historical articles about Carmel Valley, have been much too quick to criticize. Their slanderous inferences make me wonder if they harbor ulterior motives.

James D. Craig
Pebble Beach

Conservation Is Working

Ok. Listen up, everyone. We're going to try this again. Now pay attention, Robert Hunsicker of Carmel Valley, and maybe you'll get it right this time!

1987: Water conservation ordinance passed that called for 10 percent conservation. Mandatory retrofitting of hotel/motel shower heads, sink faucets and installing of water-saving kits in toilets. Outside watering limited to 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Low-flow water saving installations on all new construction and remodels.

1988: 40,000 water saving kits distributed to residents, including two shower heads, faucet aerators, toilet water dams and a test kit for leak detection. Residents asked to install voluntarily. Water reclamation project for Del Monte Forest golf course irrigation is reactivated and ultimately is a reality in 1989.

1989: Phase III water rationing is instituted in order to achieve an overall 20 percent savings. Cutbacks apply to everyone, residences, commercial, hotels/motels, restaurants, golf courses, government, schools, industry. Water use before conservation and rationing modes was 17,200 acre feet a year. Right now, through December of 1989, the annual water use is 12,050 acre feet. A reduction of 30 percent! There's more water in storage right now than at this time last year and there has been less rainfall.

Hallelujah, look at that. I guess all the good planning and efforts of the Water Board and staff from 1986 through 1989 wasn't so bad after all. And the input from citizen advisory committees and the business and residential communities may have been more insightful than the critics care to acknowledge.

Now, Bob, don't you see that the entire community has contributed to the successful conservation of our water? Why insist on separating residents from business? Why do you feel that major hotels, golf courses and other major users should be singled out when, in fact they have been conserving water like everyone lese in the community. Cut out the innuendo and applaud the true success of the community's effort. We're in it together, and we're doing the job together.

Don R. Boston
Pacific Grove

Events

QUINK, a vocal ensemble from Holland, 8 p.m. Sunset Center, Feb. 21. Tickets $20. 655-0117 or 659-4968.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman will speak at the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, noon, March 1, Quail Lodge. Members $15, non-members $16. Reservations required. 659-4000.

Carmel Valley Women's Club March meeting, 11:30 a.m. March 7, Rancho Canada. 659-5449.

"Bravo Brazil," a benefit for the Alliance on Aging, 8 p.m. March 2, Quail Lodge. $50 per person. 655-1334.

Recitations of Stations of the Cross by Monterey Council Knights of Columbus, 12:15 p.m., March 2 and every Friday through Lent, San Carlos Cathedral, Monterey. 373-2642.

Soroptimist International's International Tasting and Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m. March 9, Monterey Youth Center, El Estero Park, Monterey. $5 per person. 624-7019.

Outreach presents Central America Update, a panel discussion, 10 a.m. Feb. 24, Monterey Peninsula Unitarian Church, Carmel.

Mardi Gras fundraiser for The French Alliance of the Monterey Peninsula scholarship fund. 7 p.m. Feb. 27 Rancho Canada. $25 per person for members, $30 for non-members. Reservations required. 3745-1155 or 625-2795.

"Fiddler on the Hoof" Auction to benefit Congregation Beth Israel, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24, Sheraton Hotel, Monterey. $35 per person. Reservations required. 624-2015.

Shostakovich String Quartet, 8 p.m. Feb. 23, Sunset Center. Tickets $10 at the door. 625-2212.

Monterey Opera presents Menotti's Old Maid and the Thief, 8:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Sunday matinee, the Barn, Mission Ranch, Feb. 23, 24, 25. $10. 649-5561.

Pianist William Corbett-Jones, recital of Chopin compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, Monterey Peninsula College Music Hall. $7 tickets at the door. 646-4051.

The Misa Criolla by Ariel Ramirez will be performed at a special Ash Wednesday service, Carmel Valley Community Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

Waldorf School of Monterey Peninsula will hold a fundraiser Mediaeval Costume Party, $25 per person, featuring astrologers, entertainment, a feast, prize for costumes, 4-9 p.m., Feb. 24, 624-4240.

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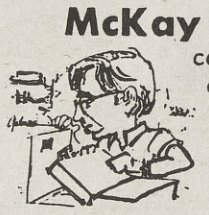
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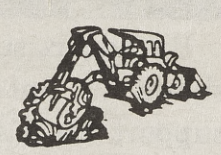

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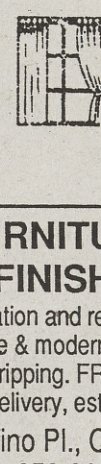

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Official Warns Of Rafting Danger

Hydrologist Graham Matthews of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District warns that rafting on the Carmel River can be very dangerous because of the vegetation that has grown up in the channel during the drought.

"There are about a half dozen places in the river where vegetation has grown so thick that you can hardly walk through it, he said. "If a raft got tangled up in it, it could tip the raft over or maybe even pull it beneath the surface."

Noting that he had seen youngsters rafting down the channel from Robles del Rio to Scarlett Road, Matthews said the potential danger was greatest for small children, but that he would caution even adults to stay off the river.

SPARKLING IN THE SUN, the Carmel River flows briskly past Carmel Valley Ranch Resort after the most powerful storm of the season stepped up the runoff and the recharging of the Carmel Valley aquifer. The photo was taken from the hill on Carmel Valley Road overlooking the Ranch. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Storm *Continued from front page*

flowed into the aquifer at the rate of about 2,400-acre-feet a day for a one-hour period, Matthews said.

By midafternoon Monday, he said water was recharging the aquifer at the rate of about 250-acre-feet a day, down from a high of 300-acre-feet earlier Monday. With the aquifer estimated to be about 45 percent full, it would take more than 10,000-acre-feet to recharge it fully.

"This didn't do it, but with a couple more storms like the last one, we should have a full aquifer," Matthews said.

In anticipation that the Carmel River might flow to the sea for the first time since 1987, the County Public Works Department bulldozed a channel through the high sand dunes that blocked the entrance to the river at Carmel River Beach.

Without a such a channel, the river could back up and flood low-lying homes in the area.

The storm was accompanied by near hurricane-force winds which toppled trees and roadside signs and caused widespread power outages. It left a dusting of snow on the higher peaks and forced the closing of Los Laureles Grade for a few hours early Sunday because of snow and ice.

As of Feb. 18, the Village had received 9.03 inches of rain for the season, surpassing the 1989 total of 7.88 for the same date, but below the normal rainfall of 11.86 inches.

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protect the fish in the river for about 18 years. Members feed the fish and take the young fish from their breeding programs to Whaler's Cove at Pt. Lobos to introduce them to sea water.

Explaining that budget cutbacks have curtailed game wardens' efforts to halt poaching, Sciocchetti said "more public involvement and awareness" is needed to stop the illegal killing of not only fish, but deer, boar and other game animals in the county.

He blamed the poaching on "a few greedy individuals. It's a way of life with some of the people in the area. They learned it from their fathers. It's the macho thing to do."

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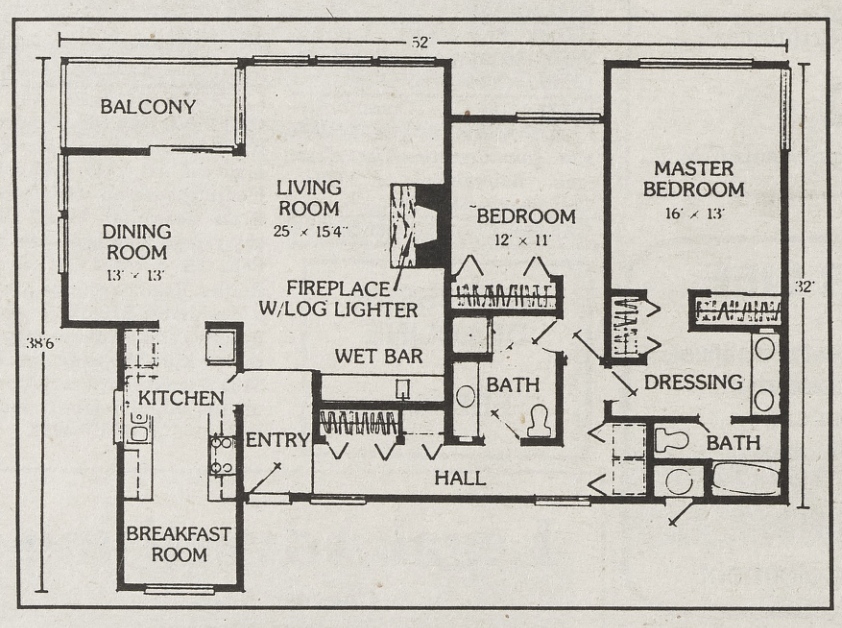

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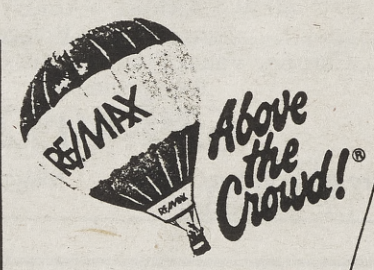

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In Real Estate, Big Beats Small In Many Cases

By MICHAEL SELZ
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For many small real-estate brokers, independence is becoming the freedom to lose business.

Across the country these days, small brokers are grappling with a painful decision: Should they exchange their freedom as independent entrepreneurs for the deep pockets of bigger firms?

Among those answering yes is Jim Wanzeck. As an agent for one of Denver's oldest independent real-estate-brokerage houses, Mr. Wanzeck was locked in a losing battle with Re/Max International Inc. Last year he decided to quit fighting.

"Their market share constantly went up, and ours was constantly dwindling," says Mr. Wanzeck, who himself now owns a Re/Max franchise, one of 1,700 such offices in the U.S. and Canada.

The bigger brokers clearly are gaining ground. Today, a half-dozen national organizations and the 25 biggest regional firms handle more than 40% of all house sales, says Tom Dooley, an Illinois real-estate consultant. (Mr. Dooley's estimate excludes new houses, which developers usually sell.)

Richard [illegible] more likely to land house buyers, whose ranks haven't grown in years.

The heightened competition also has started a bidding war for the best agents, who are highly coveted in a business plagued by poor productivity. Brokers used to share half of the sales commissions with these agents. Now firms such as Re/Max hand over the entire commission to top producers in return for a fixed monthly payment to cover their overhead.

To Katrina Henry, a Philadelphia real-estate agent whose independent broker joined Electronic Realty Associates tional franchise better known implications are long to a nation- pendent."

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Shares of residential résales during the seven months through July 1989

Century 21	11.3%
Re/Max	8.7
Coldwell Banker	5.9
Electronic Realty Associates	3.4
Prudential	3.0
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All other national franchises	1.0
Top-25 independent brokers	5.8

Source: TWD & Assoc. estimate

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